

SAN JUAN COUNTY, UTAH
RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - ____

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE NAVAJO
REVITALIZATION FUNDS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY FOR THE
FUTURE ROAD FROM OIJATO TO NAVAJO MOUNTAIN**

WHEREAS, during the 2022 Legislative Session, the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition in coordination with Senator Hinkins unsuccessfully requested funding for an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for the future road from Oijato to Navajo Mountain.

WHEREAS, the Navajo Revitalization Fund was created to maximize the long term benefit of oil and gas severance taxes derived from lands held in trust by the Federal Government for the Navajo Nation and its members living in Utah. It is intended to promote cooperation and coordination between the state, its political subdivisions and the tribe.

WHEREAS, priorities of the Navajo Revitalization Fund includes capital projects and infrastructure, including electrical power, water, and other one-time need projects.

WHEREAS, the costs for the Environmental Impact Study is estimated at \$4,200,000 of which we are asking \$1,912,000 from the Navajo Trust Fund and \$94,000 from the Oijato Chapter's Navajo Revitalization Appropriation and \$94,000 from the Navajo Mountain Chapter's Navajo Revitalization Appropriation.

WHEREAS, the Environmental Impact Study is the first step needed in establishing proper right-of-way, easements and the general route for the proposed road from Oijato to Navajo Mountain.

WHEREAS, this proposed road will generally improve the accessibility to health care, emergency, education and economic development services to residents in San Juan County living in this area.

WHEREAS, the purposes of these funds are to promote and support projects such as this which will benefit these Chapters and the Navajo Nation residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

San Juan County encourages the Navajo Revitalization Fund to financially support the Environmental Impact Study using funds from both the Oljato and Navajo Mountain appropriations set aside to assist the Utah Navajos for this very purpose.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of San Juan County Commissioners this ____ day of _____ 2022.

Those voting aye:

Those voting nay:

Those abstaining:

Absent:

Commissioners

Board of San Juan County

Willie Grayeyes, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lyman Duncan, County Clerk/Auditor