

RESOLUTION OF THE _____ CHAPTER

**SUPPORTING LOCAL RESIDENTS AND TRADITIONAL LAND USERS OF BLACK MESA
OPPOSING THE PROPOSAL, FUNDING, AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTH, EAST,
AND SOUTH BLACK MESA PUMPED STORAGE PROJECTS**

WHEREAS:

1. The _____ Chapter is a recognized chapter of the Navajo Nation Government, pursuant to Navajo National Council Resolution CAP-34-98, known as the *Navajo Nation Local Governance Act* and herein codified in Title Twenty-six (26) of the *Navajo Nation Code*; and
2. Title Twenty-six (26) of the *Navajo Nation Code* allows _____ Chapter to make decisions over local matters; and
3. The _____ Chapter supports traditional land use on Black Mesa consistent with the health of land, people, non-human relatives, and *Nahasdzáán dóó Yádilthił Bitsqadeę Beehaz'áanii--Diné Natural Law* (1 N.N.C. § 205); and
4. The _____ Chapter recognizes that decades of coal mining has damaged the health and productivity of Black Mesa's land, groundwater, and springs that people and non-human relatives depend on; and
5. The _____ Chapter recognizes that restoring Black Mesa's land to pre-mining conditions is a top priority, and opposes further industrial use of the Navajo Nation water, including groundwater beneath Black Mesa; and
6. The _____ Chapter understands, acknowledges, and recognizes that the proposed Black Mesa North, East, and South Pumped Storage Projects, if built, would construct new reservoirs, pipelines, power lines, and other energy infrastructure atop Black Mesa; and
7. The _____ Chapter understands, acknowledges, and recognizes that the proposed Black Mesa North, East, and South Pumped Storage Projects, if built, would require 450,000 acre-feet of water to begin operations and would require additional water to continue operations for 100 years; and
8. The _____ Chapter understands, acknowledges, and recognizes that water required for the proposed Black Mesa North, East, and South Pumped Storage Projects would come from the San Juan River, the Colorado River, or Black Mesa groundwater; and
9. The _____ Chapter understands, acknowledges, and recognizes that the proposed Black Mesa North, East, and South Pumped Storage Projects, if built, would destroy land and displace traditional land uses on Black Mesa, inconsistent with the health of land,

people, non-human relatives, and *Nahasdzáán dóó Yádiłhíł Bitsaądeę*
Beehaz'áanii--Diné Natural Law (1 N.N.C. § 205)

10. The _____ Chapter understands, acknowledges, and recognizes that the proposed Black Mesa North, East, and South Pumped Storage Projects, if built, would, like coal mining, use Black Mesa's land and water to create and export electricity and profits to far away cities; and
11. The _____ Chapter understands, acknowledges, and recognizes that preliminary permit applications for the Black Mesa North, East, and South Pumped Storage Projects were filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission without consulting with or consent from the Black Mesa region Chapters, residents, and local land users; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The _____ Chapter opposes the proposal, funding, and development of the Black Mesa North, East, and South Projects and requesting Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren and the 25th Navajo Nation Council to oppose the preliminary permit applications for the Black Mesa Pump Storage Project filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.