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### **Naabik'iyati' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council passes legislation requesting President Obama to suspend the U.S. Forest Service Permit for Snowbowl**

*Gorman, on behalf of Navajo human rights, presents the legislation*

ST. MICHAELS, Ariz.—On the day Navajo Nation human rights officials were en route to host a public hearing in Flagstaff about the San Francisco Peaks, one Navajo human rights official remained at the Navajo Nation's capital to present a United Nations report about "The Peaks" to the Naabik'iyati' Committee at the Navajo Nation Council Chambers.

On September 23, 2011, Leonard Gorman for the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission was the agent for legislation NABIS-58-11, "Relating to Naabik'iyati'; Acknowledging the Report by the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples [A/HRC/18/35/Add. 1]; Requesting the President of the United States Suspend the U.S. Forest Service Permit to Develop Reclaimed Water System for Making Artificial Snow on the San Francisco Peaks, Authorizing Navajo Nation Officials to Attend the 18<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council At Geneva, Switzerland; and, Authorizing Navajo Nation Officials to Protect and Advocate for the Human Rights of the Navajo People as they Pertain to the San Francisco Peaks."

Legislation NABIS-58-11 passed in favor 14 -0 at the Naabik'iyati' Committee, NNHRCs legislative oversight committee for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Navajo Nation Council, sponsored by Hon. Jonathan Nez, motioned by Hon. Joshua Lavar Butler and seconded by Hon. Elmer P. Begay.

NNHRC began the formal communiqué 16 months ago with the Special Rapporteur urging an allegation letter, "the usual first step [for a Special Rapporteur] in taking action on a case," as stated Anaya in his report about the communications procedure.

Anaya's report is a direct result of the NNHRC formal communiqué urging an allegation letter against the United States by the U.N. official. When the NNHRC received the Anaya's report on August 22, 2011, NNHRC later requested sending a Navajo Nation delegation to Geneva when Anaya was scheduled to share his report and recommendations to the U.N. Human Rights Council, but only the Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly was able to attend due to budget constraints in the legislative branch.

To read the legislation, visit [www.nnhrc.navajo-nsn.gov](http://www.nnhrc.navajo-nsn.gov).

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