

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO TRIBAL COUNCIL

Requesting an Amendment to the Act of June 13, 1962
(76 Stat. 96) Relating to the Navajo Indian Irrigation
Project

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project Act, (76 Stat. 96) the Bureau of Reclamation began and is constructing the irrigation canals from the Navajo Dam Reservoir to the Irrigation Project lands, with the funding of funds for this project through the Bureau of Indian Affairs' annual budget, and

2. Because of the many programs for the Indian tribes of the United States, which is handled by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the funding for the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project under the Bureau of Indian Affairs' programs has been very limited as the funding has to compete with the other programs of the Bureau, and as a result the construction of the said project is at a stage that the delivery of water to the project lands will be three years later than originally scheduled, and

3. In order to make up for the lost time in the construction of the project and to keep up with the scheduled construction, it would be more appropriate to have funds appropriated through the Bureau of Reclamation, which agency now administers all reclamation projects, and

4. By Resolution No. CMA-14-64, dated March 2, 1964, the Navajo Tribal Council requested of the Congress of the United States to amend the Act of June 13, 1962, to include additional townships outside the Navajo Indian Reservation for the expansion of the project. Since 1964, the Irrigation Project has been re-evaluated (1) where more lands will need to be added outside the Reservation for the project; and (2) the authorization be increased by \$40,000,000.00 to complete the project. In addition, an authority is needed for the Secretary of the Interior to compensate for leasehold interests of the ranchers who will sell their holdings for the irrigation project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Navajo Tribal Council hereby requests the Congress of the United States to amend the Act of June 13, 1962 (76 Stat. 96) as follows:

- A. That Section 7 of the Act be amended to provide for funding for the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project through the Bureau of Reclamation.
- B. That Section 7 of the Act be amended to provide for an authority to appropriate to the Bureau of Reclamation an additional amount of \$40,000,000.00 for the project.
- C. That Section 3 of the Act be amended to include the following townships.

Townships 26 and 27 North, Range 11 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian.

Townships 24, 25 and 26 North, Ranges 12 and 13 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian.

2. The Navajo Tribal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Chairman of the Navajo Tribal Council to forward copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, the Secretary of the Interior, and to the chairmen and members of the appropriate committees of the United States Congress, and to request of the chairmen of such committees, on behalf of the Navajo Tribe, that the Navajo Tribe be given an opportunity to be heard at any hearings in which such bill is being considered, and to request that a specific invitation to attend such hearing be addressed to the Chairman of the Navajo Tribal Council, the Advisory Committee of the Navajo Tribal Council, the Director of the Resources Division of the Navajo Tribe, the Head of the Land Investigation Department, and the General Counsel of the Navajo Tribe.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo Tribal Council at a duly called meeting at Window Rock, Arizona, at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 53 in favor and 0 opposed, this 9th day of May, 1967.

Nelson Cannon
Vice Chairman
Navajo Tribal Council