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TITLE: An Action Relating To Law And Order, NAABIK'IYATI' Committee And
The Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. § 501 And Adding Section 2
N.N.C. § 503

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0395-16

DATE: November 15, 2016

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACT RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING 2 N.N.C. § 501 AND ADDING SECTION 2 N.N.C. § 503

PURPOSE: This resolution if approved will amend 2 N.N.C. § 501 and add 2 N.N.C. § 503, to change the designated name of the "Navajo Nation" to "Diné Nation."

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each committee member to review the proposed legislation in detail.

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PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION

23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Second Year, 2016 Health, Education & Human Services Committee

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Navajo Nation Council

AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING 2 N.N.C. § 501 AND ADDING SECTION 2

N.N.C. § 503

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and is empowered with the authority to review and make recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council on amendments to and enactments in the Navajo Nation Code. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(1), 600 (A), and 601(B)(14) (2012); CO-45-12
- B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A)(9), reviews proposed legislation which requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council. CO-45-12.
- C. The Navajo Nation Council must review and approve enactments or amendments of positive law. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A) (2012); CO-45-12.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The purpose of this resolution is to change the name of the "Navajo Nation" to "Diné Nation."

1 **SECTION THREE. AMENDMENT TO TITLE 2**

2 The Navajo Nation amends the Navajo Nation Code 2 N.N.C. §501 and adding 2
3 N.N.C. § 503, as follows:

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5 **NAVAJO NATION CODE ANNOTATED**
6 **TITLE 2. NAVAJO NATION GOVERNMENT**
7 **CHAPTER 5. NAVAJO NATION**
8 **SUBCHAPTER 1. DESIGNATION**

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11 **§ 501. Use of term “Navajo Nation”; certification of resolution; address**

- 12 A. The President of the Navajo Nation and all departments, divisions, agencies,
- 13 enterprises and entities of the Navajo Nation shall use the phrase “Navajo Diné
- 14 Nation” in describing the lands and people of the Navajo Nation.
- 15 B. All resolutions of the Navajo Diné Nation government shall be certified as being duly
- 16 enacted at “Window Rock, Navajo Diné Nation (Arizona).
- 17 C. All correspondence, stationary and letterhead, of all divisions, agencies, etc., of the
- 18 Navajo Nation shall use the designation “Navajo Diné Nation.” For example, the
- 19 Navajo Nation letterhead should read “The Navajo Diné Nation, Window Rock,
- 20 Navajo Diné Nation (Arizona) 86515,” or “Navajo Diné Police Department,
- 21 Crownpoint, Navajo Diné Nation (New Mexico) 87313.

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23 **§ 503. Prior inconsistent law repealed**

24 All prior Navajo Nation laws, rules, regulations and provisions of the Navajo Nation Code
25 previously adopted which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended to be
26 consistent with this change from “Navajo” Nation to “Diné” Nation.

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30 **SECTION FOUR. CODIFICATION**

1 The provisions of the Act which amend or adopt new sections of the Navajo Nation
2 Code shall be codified by the Office of Legislative Counsel. The Office of Legislative
3 Counsel shall incorporate such amended provisions in the next codification of the Navajo
4 Nation Code.

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6 **SECTION FIVE. SAVINGS CLAUSE**

7 Should any provision of this Act be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme
8 Court or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation, without appeal to the Navajo Nation
9 Supreme Court, the remainder of the Act shall remain the law of the Navajo Nation.

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11 **SECTION SIX. EFFECTIVE DATE**

12 Amendments enacted herein shall be effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 221 (B).
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