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TITLE: An Action Relating To Law And Order Committee; NAABIK'IYATI' Committee; Supporting New Mexico House Bill 278 Titled "AN ACT RELATING TO MISSING PERSONS; CREATING THE MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN TASK FORCE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY"

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0032-19

DATE: February 7, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING NEW MEXICO HOUSE BILL 278 TITLED "AN ACT RELATING TO MISSING PERSONS; CREATING THE MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN TASK FORCE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY"

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is support New Mexico House Bill 278 titled "AN ACT RELATING TO MISSING PERSONS; CREATING THE MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN TASK FORCE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY"

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

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1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—FIRST YEAR, 2019

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10 AN ACTION

11 RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'
12 COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING NEW MEXICO HOUSE BILL 278 TITLED "AN
13 ACT RELATING TO MISSING PERSONS; CREATING THE MISSING AND
14 MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN TASK FORCE; MAKING AN
15 APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY"

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17 **WHEREAS:**

- 18 A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation
19 Council standing committee and as such empowered the Naabik'íyáti' Committee to
20 coordinate all requests for information, appearances and testimony relating to
21 proposed county, state and federal legislation impacting the Navajo Nation. *See* 2
22 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A), 701 (A)(6). *See also* CO-45-12.
- 23 B. The Navajo Nation established the Law and Order Committee ("LOC") as a Navajo
24 Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered LOC to review and
25 recommend resolutions relating to public safety within the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§
26 164 (A)(9), 600 *et seq.* *See also* CO-45-12.
- 27 C. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the State of
28 New Mexico.
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- 1 D. During the First Regular Session of 2019, New Mexico House Bill 278 was
2 introduced to the 54th Legislature by Representatives Andrea Romero, Derrick Lente
3 and Melanie Stansbury. *See* New Mexico HB 2570 attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
- 4 E. House Bill 278 seeks to establish a task force to address missing and murdered
5 Indigenous women comprised of the Secretary of Indian Affairs, Secretary of Public
6 Safety, the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs, and appointed persons
7 representing the Jicarilla Apache Nation, Mescalero Apache Tribe, the Navajo Nation
8 and a member of a Pueblo. *Id.*
- 9 F. The task force is established to conduct a study to determine how the State of New
10 Mexico can increase state resources for reporting and identifying missing and
11 murdered Indigenous women, and other enumerated purposes. *Id.*
- 12 G. The Act also provides an appropriation of \$100,000 for the creation and maintenance
13 of the task force. *Id.*
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15 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

- 16 A. The Navajo Nation hereby supports New Mexico House Bill 278 titled “AN ACT
17 RELATING TO MISSING PERSONS; CREATING THE MISSING AND
18 MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN TASK FORCE; MAKING AN
19 APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY” attached hereto as **Exhibit**
20 **A**.
- 21 B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council,
22 President of the Navajo Nation, and their designees, to advocate the Navajo Nation’s
23 support of New Mexico House Bill 278.
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