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TITLE: An Action Relating To The Health, Education And Human Services Committee And The Naabik'íyáti' Committee; Approving The Establishment Of The Naabik'íyáti’ Committee’s Diné Bizaad Subcommittee And Approving The Chair Of The Naabik'íyáti' Committee’s Appointments To The Naabik'íyáti’ Committee’s Diné Bizaad Subcommittee

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AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE'S DINÉ BIZAAD SUBCOMMITTEE AND APPROVING THE CHAIR OF THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE'S APPOINTMENTS TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE'S DINÉ BIZAAD SUBCOMMITTEE

PURPOSE: Establishing the Diné Bizaad Subcommittee of the Naabik'íyáti' Committee and approving appointments to that Subcommittee.

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 review the proposed resolution in detail.
PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
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AN ACTION
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COMMITTEE’S APPOINTMENTS TO THE NAABIK’ÍYÁTI’ COMMITTEE’S DINÉ
BIZAAD SUBCOMMITTEE

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY
A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation exercise
oversight over education initiatives of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § (C )2
B. The Naabik’íyáti’ Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is a Standing Committee of
the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 700.
C. The Naabik’íyáti’ Committee, as a Standing Committee, has the authority to establish a
subcommittee subject to the requirements of 2 N.N.C. §186.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS
A. The Naabik’íyáti’ Committee of the Navajo Nation Council finds it to be in the best
interest of the Navajo People to establish the Naabik’íyáti’ Committee’s Diné Bizaad
Subcommittee to preserve, protect and restore the Diné Bizaad across the Navajo Nation. See Exhibit A.

SECTION THREE. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NAABIK’ÍYÁTI’ COMMITTEE

DINÉ BIZAAD SUBCOMMITTEE

A. The Naabik’íyáti' Committee hereby establishes the Naabik’íyáti' Committee's Diné Bizaad Subcommittee to:

1. Maintain our Diné Bizaad for all Diné People; and
2. Revitalize our Diné Bizaad for all those who seek to learn Diné Bizaad; and
3. Work with all Diné Bizaad teachers, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Diné Department of Education language department, public schools, Diné College, Navajo Technical University, Immersion Schools, Diné elders, Diné youth and the three branch Chiefs of the Navajo Nation; and
4. Recognize the Navajo language as the official language of the Navajo Nation and English as the “adopted” language of the Nation; and
5. Require and ensure that all mission statements of schools on the Navajo Nation to include a commitment to teaching the Navajo language; and
6. Improve and support the Navajo Nation’s certification of Navajo language teachers with increased funding to the Navajo Oral Navajo Language Assessment (ODLA); and
7. Ensure that Diné Bizaad immersion projects with Diné College and Navajo Technical University are adequately funded; and
8. Work on establishing a Diné Bizaad as an working, unpaid holiday; and
9. Work to maintain Diné Bizaad with any and all efforts with the Navajo Department of Diné Education, the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs and all public schools on the Navajo Nation.

B. The Naabik’íyáti’ Committee Diné Bizaad Subcommittee shall consist of six (6) members; one member from each of the five Standing Committees plus one at large member selected from the Naabik’íyáti’ Committee.
C. All members of the Naabik'íyáti' Committee Diné Bizaad Subcommittee shall be chosen by the Chair of the Naabik'íyáti' Committee subject to the approval of that Committee.

SECTION FOUR. APPOINTMENT

A. The Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council hereby appoints and the Naabik'íyáti' Committee hereby approves the following Delegates to serve, at the pleasure of the Naabik'íyáti' Committee, on the Naabik'íyáti' Committee's Diné Bizaad Subcommittee:

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SECTION FIVE. SUBCOMMITTEE TERM

The Naabik'íyáti' Committee Diné Bizaad Subcommittee shall exist until it's assigned tasks are completed and shall report its recommendations to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 186.