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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0322-19

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TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING THE REINSTATEMENT OF MS. KAREN RAE NIETO AS A MEMBER OF THE NAVAJO NATION

PURPOSE: This resolution will approve the reinstatement of Ms. Karen Rae Nieto as a member of the Navajo Nation.

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.
PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2019

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BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 400(A). The committee "serve[s] as the oversight committee for the Division of Health, Division of Social Services, Division of Human Resources Department of Diné Education, Division of General Services ...." 2 N.N.C. § 401(C)(1).

B. The Naabik’íyáti’ Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 700(A). All proposed legislation requiring final action by the Navajo Nation Council are assigned to the committee. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A)(9).

C. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §102. Pursuant to 1 N.N.C. § 705, the Navajo Nation Council, by majority vote, must approve all requests for reinstatement of membership enrollment with the Navajo Nation.
SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. Ms. Karen Rae Nieto (date of birth August 17, 1969) was an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation. See Exhibit "A," Certificate of Navajo Indian Blood. On October 15, 2011, upon her request, her membership with the Navajo Nation was relinquished. See Exhibit "B," enrollment relinquishment with the Navajo Nation. Subsequently, she enrolled with the Zuni Tribe (as her father is Zuni). Exhibit "C."

B. Ms. Karen Rae Nieto filed for relinquishment of her enrollment with the Zuni Tribe. On January 27, 2016, the Zuni Tribe approved Ms. Nieto's relinquishment request. See Exhibit "D."


D. Ms. Karen Rae Nieto is Ashijinj and is the originally from the Chinle community. Her mother is Navajo.

SECTION THREE. APPROVAL FOR REENROLLMENT

Ms. Karen Rae Nieto, is and shall be reinstated, or otherwise reenrolled, as a member of the Navajo Nation. By this action of the Navajo Nation Council and pursuant to the laws of the Navajo Nation, she shall be entitled to all rights, benefits and privileges associated with membership with the Navajo Nation.