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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0129-20

DATE: May 28, 2020

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK’ÍYÁTI’ COMMITTEE; EXTENDING THE EXPIRATION OF NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. CMA-09-20

PURPOSE: The Navajo Nation is still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic; therefore, to prevent Chapter members from becoming infected with COVID-19 it is prudent to extend the reduced Chapter quorum authorized through CMA-09-20. This legislation will extend the effective date of CMA-09-20 until determined by the Navajo Nation Council.

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 STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Second Year, 2020

INTRODUCED BY

(Prime Sponsor)

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AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE NAABIK’IYÁTI’ COMMITTEE; EXTENDING THE EXPIRATION OF NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. CMA-09-20

BE IT ENACTED.

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

A. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 700 (A), the Naabik’íyáti’ Committee was established as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council.

B. Pursuant to Navajo Nation Council Resolution Number CMA-09-20 Section Four (B), the Naabik’íyáti’ Committee is authorized to extend the effective date of CMA-09-20. CMA-09-20 Section Four (B) states “The provisions of this Action shall expire sixty (60) days after its effective date, unless otherwise determined through resolution of the Naabik’íyáti’ Committee.”

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS


B. The Navajo Nation President issued Executive Order No. 001-20 closing Navajo Nation government offices to minimize the spread of COVID-19. Executive
Order No. 001-20 has been extended by Executive Order Nos. 002-20, 003-20, and 004-20.


D. On March 23, 2020 the Navajo Nation Council passed Resolution CMA-09-20 entitled An Action Relating to an Emergency; Temporarily Authorizing Reduced Chapter Meeting Quorum Requirements During the COVID-19 Emergency. The Navajo Nation President signed CMA-09-20 on March 26, 2020. CMA-09-20 is attached as Exhibit A.

E. The Navajo Nation Council passed CMA-09-20 stating that “[i]n light of the Navajo Nation’s Emergency Declaration … regarding the outbreak of the COVID-19 Coronavirus, it is imperative that the Navajo Nation Council, as well as Chapter governments, take precautionary measures to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19 to the Navajo public and community members.” See CMA-09-20 Section Two (A).

F. Resolution CMA-09-20 authorized the Chapter quorum be reduced to three (3) registered Chapter members for a limited time. CMA-09-20 Section Three.

G. The Navajo Nation is still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic; therefore, to prevent Chapter members from becoming infected with COVID-19 it is prudent to extend the reduced Chapter quorum authorized through CMA-09-20.

SECTION THREE. EXTENDING EXPIRATION OF CMA-09-20

The Naabik'Iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby extends the expiration of Resolution CMA-09-20 to coincide with when the declaration of the Public Health State of Emergency is rescinded or otherwise determined by the Navajo Nation Council.