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**TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services and Naabik'íyáti'; Supporting House Bill 116, a Bill introduced in the Utah State Legislature to create the "MURDERED AND MISSING INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS TASK FORCE"**

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## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0107-20

**DATE:** April 13, 2020

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'; SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 116, A BILL INTRODUCED IN THE UTAH STATE LEGISLATURE TO CREATE THE "MURDERED AND MISSING INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS TASK FORCE"

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this legislation is to support House Bill 116, a Bill introduced in the Utah State legislature to create the "Murdered And Missing Indigenous Women and Girls Task Force."

**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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PROPOSED COMMITTEE RESOLUTION OF THE NAVAJO NATION  
24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Second Year, 2020  
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RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'; SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 116, A BILL INTRODUCED IN THE  
UTAH STATE LEGISLATURE TO CREATE THE "MURDERED AND MISSING  
INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS TASK FORCE"

WHEREAS:

1. There exists a crisis in the United States concerning missing indigenous women and girls. In 2016, the Urban Indian Health Institute found that of the 5716 such missing cases, only 117 cases were inputted in the database maintained by the United States Department of Justice. *See*, "Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, a report issued by the Urban Indian Health Institute, <http://www.uihi.org>. It is also reported, "generations of killings and disappearances have been disregarded by law enforcement and lost in bureaucratic gaps concerning which local or federal agencies should investigate." *See*, <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/25/us/native-women-girls-missing.html>.
2. The legislature of the state of Utah has introduced a bill to create a task force on "Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls." See Exhibit A. The Task Force would consult with tribal and federal governments on issues regarding missing and

1 murdered indigenous women and girls, including developing procedures for addressing  
2 new and unsolved cases.

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4 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

5 The Navajo Nation hereby supports the legislature of the state of Utah in its proposed  
6 bill to create a task force on "Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls," House  
7 Bill 116.