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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET
Tracking No. 0124-19

DATE: May 15, 2019

AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPROVING THE DONATION OF THE ORIGINAL TAPPAN COPY OF THE NAVAJO TREATY OF 1868 TO THE NAVAJO NATION MUSEUM; AND DIRECTING THE NAVAJO NATION MUSEUM TO RECORD THE GIFT WITH THE ETHICS AND RULES OFFICE

PURPOSE: Accepting on behalf of the Navajo People, the donation from Mrs. Kitty Weaver of the original Tappan copy of the Navajo Treaty of 1868 to the Navajo Nation Museum.

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.

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13 NAVAJO NATION MUSEUM; AND DIRECTING THE NAVAJO NATION
14 MUSEUM TO RECORD THE GIFT WITH THE ETHICS AND RULES OFFICE

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16 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- 17 A. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2
18 N.N.C. § 700 (A).
19 B. Navajo Nation law provides that the President of the Navajo Nation, on behalf of the
20 Navajo Nation, can either accept or decline offers of gifts and donations of property to
21 the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 1010. Gifts of donations, exceeding \$1,000, or estimated
22 values thereof, must be approved by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation
23 Council. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A) and 1011. All gifts and donations to the Navajo Nation
24 remain property of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 1010.

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26 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 27 A. The Navajo Treaty of 1868 was executed on June 1, 1868. Three copies of the Treaty
28 were executed, one for the United States, the Navajo Nation and one for the Indian
29 Peace Commission, whom negotiated the Treaty with Navajo leaders.

- 1 B. Samuel F. Tappan (Tappan) was one of the two Indian Peace Commissioners tasked
2 with negotiating the Navajo Treaty. Tappan kept the Indian Peace Commission's copy
3 and returned it to his home in Manchester, Massachusetts, where it has remained for
4 150 years until it was discovered by Tappan's great grand-niece, Clare P. Weaver in
5 2018.
- 6 C. Ms. Weaver wishes to donate the Tappan copy of the Navajo Treaty of 1868 to the
7 Navajo Nation Museum for its careful preservation and display as an exhibit from time
8 to time, for the benefit of Navajo citizens to view this historic document which
9 acknowledges the inherent sovereignty of the Navajo Nation by the United States. *See*
10 Exhibit "A".
- 11 D. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §1010, the Navajo Nation President has accepted the donation.
12 *See* Exhibit "B".
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15 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

- 16 A. The Navajo Nation hereby concurs with the President of the Navajo Nation's
17 acceptance of the original Tappan Copy of the Navajo Treaty of 1868 donated by Clare
18 P. Weaver.
- 19 B. The Navajo Nation Museum shall record the accepted donation with the Ethics and
20 Rules Office as required by 2 N.N.C. §1012.
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