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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee; extending the expiration of Navajo Nation Council Resolution No. CMA-09-20**

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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.**

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1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
2 24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Second Year, 2020

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11 RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; EXTENDING THE  
12 EXPIRATION OF NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. CMA-09-20

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14 BE IT ENACTED.

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16 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

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

19 B. Pursuant to Navajo Nation Council Resolution Number CMA-09-20 Section Four (B),  
20 the Naabik'iyáti' Committee is authorized to extend the effective date of CMA-09-20.  
21 CMA-0-20 Section Four (B) states "The provisions of this Action shall expire sixty  
22 (60) days after its effective date, unless otherwise determined through resolution of the  
23 Naabik'iyáti' Committee."

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25 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

26 A. The Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Management with the  
27 concurrence of the Navajo Nation President declared a Public Health State of  
28 Emergency on March 11, 2020. See CEM-20-03-11.

29 B. The Navajo Nation President issued Executive Order No. 001-20 closing Navajo  
30 Nation government offices to minimize the spread of COVID-19. Executive

1 Order No. 001-20 has been extended by Executive Order Nos. 002-20, 003-20,  
2 and 004-20.

3 C. The Navajo Department of Health Public has issued Public Health Emergency  
4 Orders which have limited public gatherings, imposed Stay at Home Orders,  
5 imposed night curfews, 57-hour weekend curfews and 57-hour weekend curfews  
6 with closure of essential business all for the purpose of limiting the spread of  
7 COVID-19. See Public Health Emergency Order Nos. 2020-001, 2020-003,  
8 2020-004, 2020-005, 2020-006, 2020-008, 2020-010 and 2020-011.

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

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

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

22 G. The Navajo Nation is still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic; therefore, to  
23 prevent Chapter members from becoming infected with COVID-19 it is prudent  
24 to extend the reduced Chapter quorum authorized through CMA-09-20.  
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### 26 **SECTION THREE. EXTENDING EXPIRATION OF CMA-09-20**

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