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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee, Naabik'iyáti' Committee, and Navajo Nation Council; Proclaiming Third Week in June as Diné Pride Week on a Recurring Annual Basis

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0140-20

DATE: June 22, 2020

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; PROCLAIMING THIRD WEEK IN JUNE AS DINÉ PRIDE WEEK ON A RECURRING ANNUAL BASIS

PURPOSE: The purpose of this legislation is to proclaim the third week in June as Diné Pride Week on a recurring annual basis.

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 NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
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17 BE IT ENACTED:

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19 SECTION 1. AUTHORITY

- 20 A. The Navajo Nation Council, is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C.
21 § 102(A).
22 B. The Navajo Nation Council established the Health, Education, and Human
23 Services Committee as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and
24 empowered the Health, Education and Human Services Committee to review and
25 recommend resolutions relating to social services, health, environmental health,
26 education, veterans and veterans' services, employment and labor. 2 N.N.C. §
27 400(A); 2 N.N.C. § 401(B).
28 C. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a standing
29 committee of the Navajo Nation Council. Legislation that requires final action by
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1 the Navajo Nation Council shall be presented to the Naabik'iyáti" Committee. 2
2 N.N.C. § 700 (A); 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A)(9).
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4 SECTION 2. FINDINGS

- 5 A. The Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council issued a Diné Pride Week Proclamation
6 designated for the week of June 22, 2020 through June 28, 2020. Diné Pride Week
7 Proclamation attached as **Exhibit A**.
- 8 B. The 2020 Diné Pride Week Proclamation states that "President William J. Clinton
9 proclaimed June 2000 as Gay and Lesbian Month and President Barack H. Obama
10 proclaimed June 2016 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month to
11 acknowledge the importance of respect and fair treatment for all people[.]"
- 12 C. The 2020 Diné Pride Week Proclamation states that "the Navajo Nation recognizes
13 that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, two-spirit people (LGBTQ+) are
14 important to our livelihood and diversity since time immemorial[.]"
- 15 D. The 2020 Diné Pride Week Proclamation further states that "the Navajo Nation will
16 continue to protect its citizens from discrimination based on age, race, disability,
17 ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, language, national
18 origin, physical and mental ability, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status and
19 other characteristics that make our citizens unique under the law[.]"
- 20 E. The 2020 Diné Pride Week Proclamation further states that "the Navajo Nation is
21 committed to fostering, cultivating, and preserving a culture of inclusion, fairness and
22 equality[.]"
- 23 F. The 2020 Diné Pride Week Proclamation further states that "lesbian, gay, bisexual,
24 transgender, queer, two-spirit people (LGBTQ+) are ni'hookáá' diyin din'éé bila'
25 ashdla'ii, who are five-fingered, earth-surface holy people who are sacred[.]"
- 26 G. The 2020 Diné Pride Week Proclamation further states "the Navajo Nation stands
27 behind LGBTQ+ members and will continue to uplift all people, both young and
28 long-lived, in their pursuit of basic civil and human rights[.]"
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1 H. The 2020 Diné Pride Week Proclamation further states “the Navajo Nation shall honor
2 the diverse identities among the Navajo People, who are worthy of love, respect, and
3 fairness under the Law[.]”

4 I. Due to the importance of the reasons listed above, the Navajo Nation acknowledges
5 the need to recognize the third week of June as Dine Pride Week on a recurring annual
6 basis.

7 **SECTION 3. PROCLAIMING THE THIRD WEEK IN JUNE AS DINÉ PRIDE**
8 **WEEK ON A RECURRING ANNUAL BASIS**

9 The Navajo Nation hereby proclaims the third week in June as Diné Pride Week on a
10 recurring annual basis.
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