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TITLE: An Action Relating To Health, Education And Human Services And NAABIK'IYATI' Committees; Approving And Supporting The Selection Of The Rehoboth Site For The Gallup Indian Medical Center Replacement Project

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0143-20

DATE: June 24, 2020

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; APPROVING AND SUPPORTING THE SELECTION OF THE REHOBOTH SITE FOR THE GALLUP INDIAN MEDICAL CENTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

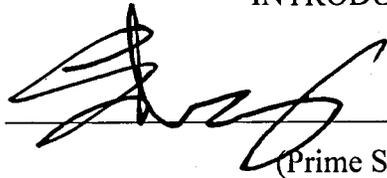
PURPOSE: This Resolution, if adopted, will provide Navajo Nation support for the Rehoboth site being selected as the Gallup Indian Medical Center replacement site.

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 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Second Year, 2020

3 INTRODUCED BY

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10 AN ACTION

11 RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND
12 NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; APPROVING AND SUPPORTING THE
13 SELECTION OF THE REHOBOTH SITE FOR THE GALLUP INDIAN MEDICAL
14 CENTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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16 **WHEREAS:**

17 A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee (HEHSC) is a standing
18 committee of the Navajo Nation Council. It has the authority to review and recommend
19 resolutions regarding certain matters, including health, education and social services. 2
20 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 400 (A), 401 (B)(6)(a) (2012); *see also* CO-45-12.

21 B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation
22 Council. It has the authority to "review and continually monitor the programs and
23 activities of federal and state departments and to assist development of such programs
24 designed to serve the Navajo People and the Navajo Nation through intergovernmental
25 relationships between the Navajo Nation and such departments." 2 N.N.C. §701(A)(7).

26 C. The Indian Health Service is reviewing and proceeding with the Gallup Indian
27 Medical Center (GIMC) replacement project. Phase I of the project, completed in
28 November 2019, included studies and evaluations of 12 potential sites (see, Site Selection
29 Evaluation Report, document included within Exhibit A herein). The sites considered
30 included the Rehoboth Site east of Gallup, New Mexico.

1 D. The Navajo Nation is informed, “[o]f the 12 evaluations performed, the Rehoboth
2 property of east Gallup, NM was found to be the top rated site based on the guidance and
3 criteria described in the Indian Health Service (IHS) Technical Handbook for
4 Environmental Health & Engineering Volume II Healthcare Facilities Planning, Chapter
5 13-4 Site Selection and Evaluation Process, January 2017.” See attached Exhibit A, a
6 letter dated June 17, 2020 from the Navajo Area Indian Health Service (hereinafter, “IHS
7 Notice”).

8 C. Phase II of the GIMC replacement project “involves an in-depth evaluation of the
9 top rated site for construction suitability.” *IHS Notice*. This phase will include “a legal
10 survey of the site, flood plan clearance, soil reports, archaeological/historical survey data,
11 and an Environmental Assessment.” *Id.* The Navajo Nation, through the Office of the
12 President and Vice President, accepted \$200,000 from the IHS to proceed with the
13 evaluation site at the Rehoboth site. See Exhibit B. Based on this, the IHS
14 acknowledged the Navajo Nation’s “desire to enter into a Public Law 93-638
15 Construction Project Agreement (CPA) to conduct the Phase II assessment.” *IHS Notice*.

16 D. The IHS informs the Navajo Nation that it “stands ready to provide technical
17 assistance to negotiate and enter into the Title 1 CPA in support of the Nation completing
18 the Phase II evaluation.” *Id.*

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20 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- 21 1. The Navajo Nation hereby approves and supports the selection of the Rehoboth Site
22 for the Gallup Indian Medical Center replacement project of the Indian Health Service (as
23 provided in IHS notice dated June 17, 2020, Exhibit A).
- 24 2. The Navajo Nation supports and approves with proceeding with Phase II of the
25 GIMC replacement project as explained and proposed by IHS.
- 26 3. The Navajo Nation Department of Justice shall review all necessary documents
27 relative to the Public Law 93-638 Construction Project Agreement for completing Phase
28 II of the GIMC replacement documents. Such documents shall be approved by the
29 appropriate standing committees of the Navajo Nation Council.
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