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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET
Tracking No. 0151-19

DATE: June 14, 2019

AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE'S GAMING SUBCOMMITTEE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENTS TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE'S GAMING SUBCOMMITTEE

PURPOSE: Creating the Naabik'iyáti' Committee's Gaming Subcommittee to negotiate all related issues regarding gaming on the Navajo Nation.

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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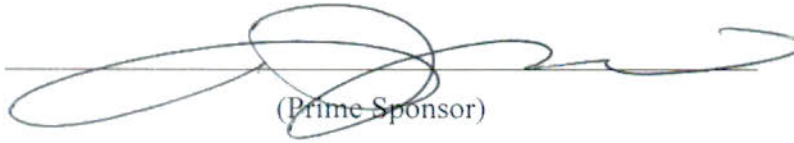
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APPOINTMENTS TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE'S GAMING
SUBCOMMITTEE

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

A. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is a Standing Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 700.

B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee, as a Standing Committee, has the authority to establish a subcommittee subject to the requirements of 2 N.N.C. §186.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council finds it to be in the best interest of the Navajo People to establish the Naabik'iyáti' Committee's Gaming Subcommittee to represent the best interests of the Navajo Nation in all matters related to gaming on the Navajo Nation.

1 **SECTION THREE. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE**
2 **GAMING SUBCOMMITTEE**

3 A. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee hereby establishes the Naabik'íyáti' Committee's
4 Gaming Subcommittee to negotiate the all related issues regarding the separate gaming
5 compacts the Navajo Nation has with the State of Arizona and the State of New Mexico
6 respectively and to address related issues to protect Navajo gaming.

7 B. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee Gaming Subcommittee shall:

8 1. Work in cooperation and in coordination with the Navajo Nation President, Attorney
9 General, and the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise or the designees from these
10 respective offices and entity; and

11 2. Report monthly to the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council on the Subcommittee's
12 activities; and

13 3. Transfer information and recommendations to the Speaker of the Navajo Nation
14 Council, the Naabik'íyáti' Committee, appropriate Navajo Nation Standing Committees,
15 and appropriate Legislative Branch boards, commissions, agencies and programs; and

16 4. Submit to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee for review and approval any and all proposed
17 amendments and/or compacts which are the result of such negotiation.

18 C. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee Gaming Subcommittee shall consist of three members
19 who represent Chapters located in the State of Arizona and three members who represent
20 Chapters located in the State of New Mexico. The Navajo Nation Council Speaker shall
21 appoint Delegates to serve on the subcommittee. The appointed Delegates serve at the
22 pleasure of the Naabik'íyáti' Committee.

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24 **SECTION FOUR. APPOINTMENT**

25 A. The Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council hereby appoints and the Naabik'íyáti'
26 Committee hereby approves the following Delegates to serve, at the pleasure of the
27 Naabik'íyáti' Committee, on the Naabik'íyáti' Committee's Gaming Subcommittee:

28 1. Honorable Paul Begay-Health-Arizona;

29 2. Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton-New Mexico;

30 3. Honorable Pernell Halona-New Mexico;

- 1 4. Honorable Otto Tso-Arizona;
- 2 5. Honorable Thomas Walker, Jr. Arizona;
- 3 6. Honorable Jamie Henio, New Mexico.

4 See Exhibit A.

- 5 B. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee's Gaming Subcommittee may include members of the
- 6 Executive Branch with the Navajo Nation President's recommended appointments
- 7 serving on the Subcommittee, including but not limited to Navajo Gaming Regulatory
- 8 Office and the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise.
- 9 C. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee's Gaming Subcommittee by majority vote shall select a
- 10 chairperson and vice-chairperson at their first meeting. The chairperson and vice-
- 11 chairperson shall serve at the Subcommittee's pleasure; replacement by majority vote.
- 12 D. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee's Gaming Subcommittee shall establish a regular
- 13 meeting day(s) of the month and shall meet more frequently during tribal-state
- 14 compact negotiations. Due to the economic importance of the compact negotiation
- 15 work, Subcommittee members absent from two or more meetings may be replaced at
- 16 the recommendation of the Chair of the Subcommittee.
- 17 E. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee's Gaming Subcommittee may retain a legal consultant
- 18 through the Office of the Speaker to render legal advice regarding negotiations.

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20 **SECTION FIVE. SUBCOMMITTEE TERM**

21 The Naabik'íyáti' Committee Gaming Subcommittee shall exist until it's assigned

22 tasks are completed and shall report its recommendations to the Naabik'íyáti'

23 Committee, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 186.

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25 **SECTION SIX. DIRECTIVES**

- 26 A. The Speaker's Chief of Staff shall assign one policy analyst to assist the Naabik'íyáti'
- 27 Committee's Gaming Subcommittee.
- 28 B. The Legislative Service's Executive Director shall assign two Office of Legislative
- 29 Services staffers to assist the Naabik'íyáti' Committee's Gaming Subcommittee.
- 30 C. The Speaker shall determine a Subcommittee budget and identify the funds.