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SPONSOR: Seth Damon

TITLE: An Action Relating To Health, Education And Human Services, Naabik'íyáti' And Navajo Nation Council: Approving The Reinstatement Of Ms. Denise Delilah Johnson As A Member Of The Navajo Nation

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0240-19

DATE: July 31, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING THE REINSTATEMENT OF MS. DENISE DELILAH JOHNSON AS A MEMBER OF THE NAVAJO NATION

PURPOSE: This resolution will approve the reinstatement of Ms. Denise Delilah Johnson as a member of 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 to review each proposed resolution in detail.

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: 2300

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Health Education & Human Services Committee
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Navajo Nation Council Committee

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2019

INTRODUCED BY



(Prime Sponsor)

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AN ACTION

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NAVAJO NATION

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 400(A). The committee "serve[s] as the oversight committee for the Division of Health, Division of Social Services, Division of Human Resources Department of Diné Education, Division of General Services" 2 N.N.C. § 401(C)(1).

B. The Naa'bik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 700(A). All proposed legislation requiring final action by the Navajo Nation Council are assigned to the committee. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A)(9).

C. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §102. Pursuant to 1 N.N.C. § 705, the Navajo Nation Council, by majority vote, must approve all requests for reinstatement of membership enrollment with the Navajo Nation.

1 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

2 A. Ms. Denise Delilah Johnson (date of birth January 27, 1984) was an enrolled member
3 of the Navajo Nation. See Exhibit "A," *Certificate of Navajo Indian Blood*. On July 16,
4 2002, she relinquished her membership with the Navajo Nation. See Exhibit "B."
5 enrollment relinquishment with the Navajo Nation. Subsequently, she enrolled with the
6 White Mountain Apache Tribe.

7 B. On December 27, 2017, Ms. Denise Delilah Johnson filed for relinquishment of her
8 enrollment with the White Mountain Apache Tribe. See Exhibit "C," *Relinquishment of*
9 *Tribal Head Rights*. On February 14, 2018, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council
10 approved Ms. Johnson's relinquishment request. See Exhibit "D," resolution number 02-
11 2018-35, *Approval to Grant Tribal Relinquishment Request of Denise Delilah Johnson*.

12 C. On March 19, 2018, the Vital Records Department of the White Mountain Apache
13 Tribe provided the Council's relinquishment notice to Ms. Denise Delilah Johnson. See
14 lower portion of Exhibit "C," *Relinquishment of Tribal Head Rights*. See also, Exhibit
15 "E," subsequent notice of Vital Records Department dated April 9, 2018, White Mountain
16 Apache Tribe.

17 D. Ms. Denise Delilah Johnson is seeking reinstatement with the Navajo Nation. See
18 Exhibit "F", letter dated July 6, 2018.

19 E. Ms. Denise Johnson is member of the Chichiltah community. See Exhibit "G." Ms.
20 Johnson's letter dated September 23, 2018, addressed to Ms. Roselyn John, Community
21 Services Coordinator, Chichiltah Chapter. See also, Exhibit "H," letter from Ms. Roselyn
22 John dated October 20, 2018 and addressed to Speaker Seth Damon, Navajo Nation
23 Council.

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25 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL FOR REENROLLMENT**

26 Ms. Denise Delilah Johnson, is and shall be reinstated, or otherwise reenrolled, as a
27 member of the Navajo Nation. By this action of the Navajo Nation Council and pursuant
28 to the laws of the Navajo Nation, she shall be entitled to all rights, benefits and privileges
29 associated with membership with the Navajo Nation.
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