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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

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TITLE OF RESOLUTION: PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING THE APPOINTMENT OF REAR ADMIRAL (RADM) MICHAEL D. WEAHKEE AS DIRECTOR OF INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

PURPOSE: The purpose of the resolution is to support the appointment of RADM Weahkee as Director of Indian Health Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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.

1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—First Year, 2019
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13 DIRECTOR OF INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
14 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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16 **WHEREAS:**

- 17 A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation
- 18 Council standing committee and as such empowered the Naabik'iyáti' Committee to
- 19 recommend to the United States departments and agencies the appointment of
- 20 individuals who will fulfill the requirements of their office and serve the interests of
- 21 the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A), 701 (A)(9).
- 22 B. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the Indian
- 23 Health Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human.
- 24 C. RADM Michael D. Weahkee has been *Acting* Director of the Indian Health Services
- 25 under the Donald Trump administration; during that time, RADM Weahkee has been
- 26 receptive to working with the Navajo Nation on health care issues affecting the Navajo
- 27 populace.
- 28 D. As set forth in **Exhibit A**, RADM Weahkee is well-qualified to serve as the Director
- 29 of Indian Health Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and it will
- 30 serve the interests of the Navajo Nation to have him appointed to that position.

1 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

- 2 A. The Navajo Nation hereby supports the appointment of RADM Michael D. Weahkee
3 as Director of the Indian Health Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human
4 Services.
- 5 B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council,
6 President of the Navajo Nation, and their designees, to advocate for the appointment of
7 RADM Michael D. Weahkee as Director of the Indian Health Services, U.S.
8 Department of Health and Human Services.

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