TITLE: An Action Relating to the Naabik’íyáti’ Committee; Supporting New Mexico Congresswoman Deb Haaland to be Appointed as Secretary of the Interior, U.S. Department of Interior, Under the President Joe R. Biden Administration

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0014-21

DATE: January 27, 2021

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING NEW MEXICO CONGRESSWOMAN DEB HAALAND TO BE APPOINTED AS SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, UNDER THE PRESIDENT JOE R. BIDEN ADMINISTRATION

PURPOSE: To support New Mexico Congresswoman Deb Haaland to be appointed as the Secretary of the Interior under the President Joe R. Biden Administration.

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.
PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—THIRD YEAR, 2021

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UNDER THE PRESIDENT JOE R. BIDEN ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS:

A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102 (A).

B. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik’iyati’ Committee as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and specifically empowered the Committee to:

i. To review and continually monitor the programs and activities of federal and state departments and to assist development of such programs designed to serve the Navajo People and the Navajo Nation through intergovernmental relationships between the Navajo Nation and such departments.

ii. To coordinate with all committees, Chapters, branches and entities concerned with all Navajo appearances and testimony before Congressional committees, departments of the United States government, state legislatures and departments and county and local governments.
iii. To recommend to United States departments and agencies, the states and various regional agencies the appointment of individuals who, in the judgment of the Committee, will fulfill the requirements of their office and serve the interests of the Navajo Nation.

2 N.N.C. §§ 700 and 701 (A)(7)-(9).


D. Congresswoman Deb Haaland is an enrolled member of the Pueblo of Laguna in New Mexico.

E. In 2006, Congresswoman Haaland earned her Juris Doctor from the University of New Mexico School of Law.

F. Congresswoman Haaland’s political career includes serving as the Vote Director for Native Americans in Barack Obama’s 2012 presidential re-election campaign and in 2015, Congresswoman Haaland was elected to a two-year term as Chair of the Democratic Party of New Mexico.

G. In 2018, Congresswoman Haaland was elected to the United States House of Representatives for the First District of New Mexico and became one of first two Native American women to serve in the House of Representatives.

H. Congresswoman Haaland has close to twenty years of public service including representing Native American governments, including but not limited to her Laguna Pueblo and San Felipe Pueblo.

I. Congresswoman Haaland is and has always been a well-informed and tireless advocate for United States Public Lands and Native American issues.

J. Congresswoman Haaland has the education, public service, and political experience necessary to lead the U.S. Department of Interior in a direction that enhances and protects, rather than diminishes, Native American governments and Native American lands and on December 17, 2020, United States President nominated Congresswoman Haaland to be appointed as first Native American Secretary of the Interior.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

A. The Navajo Nation supports New Mexico Congresswoman Deb Haaland to be appointed and confirmed as the Secretary of the Interior under the President Biden administration.

B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Navajo Nation President, the Navajo Nation Speaker, and/or their designees, to advocate and support the appointment and confirmation of Congresswoman Haaland as the Secretary of the Interior.