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TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services and Naabik'iyáti Committees; To Proclaim an Honorarium and Memorial in Recognizing Survivors and Families, and Those Whom Lost Loved Ones to COVID-19; and "Appreciating" all of the Front Line and Essential Workers for their Sacrifice, Commitment, and Hard Work in Providing Continued Services to the Navajo Nation

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0060-21

DATE: March 26, 2021

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; TO PROCLAIM AN HONORARIUM AND MEMORIAL IN RECOGNIZING SURVIVORS AND FAMILIES, AND THOSE WHOM LOST LOVED ONES TO COVID-19; AND "APPRECIATING" ALL OF THE FRONT LINE AND ESSENTIAL WORKERS FOR THEIR SACRIFICE, COMMITMENT, AND HARD WORK IN PROVIDING CONTINUED SERVICES TO THE NAVAJO NATION

PURPOSE: To proclaim an honorarium and memorial in recognizing survivors and families, and those whom have lost loved ones to COVID-19, and "appreciating" all of the front line and essential workers for their sacrifice, commitment, and hard work in providing continued services to 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.

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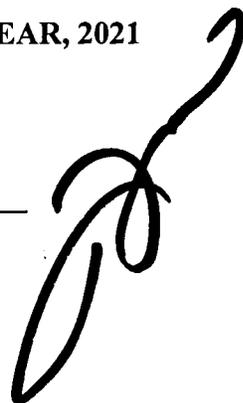
1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—THIRD YEAR, 2021

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12 MEMORIAL IN RECOGNIZING SURVIVORS AND FAMILIES, AND THOSE
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14 THE FRONT LINE AND ESSENTIAL WORKERS FOR THEIR SACRIFICE,
15 COMMITMENT, AND HARD WORK IN PROVIDING CONTINUED SERVICES
16 TO THE NAVAJO NATION
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18 **WHEREAS:**

- 19 A. The Navajo Nation established the Health, Education and Human Services Committee
20 as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered the Health,
21 Education and Human Services Committee to recommend resolutions relating to social
22 services, health and education. 2 N.N.C. §§ 400 (A), 401 (B)(6)(a)
- 23 B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation
24 Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'iyáti' Committee to
25 include the authority to promulgate rules and regulations. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A), 701
26 (A)(3)
- 27 C. The Proclamation, upon due consideration, is issued by the undersigned named official
28 and entities of the Navajo Nation.
- 29 1. On March 13, 2020, The Navajo Nation President Declared, via Executive
30 Order, a State of Emergency due to the confirmation of the COVID-19 Virus in

1 regional areas surrounding the Navajo Nation. The Navajo Nation closed all
2 Navajo Nation government offices and supported the closure of all schools and
3 educational institutions on the Navajo Nation. Executive Order 001-20 is
4 attached as **Exhibit A**.

5 2. On March 18, 2020, The Navajo Nation Department of Health (NNDOH) and
6 Navajo Office of Environment Health and Protection Program issued a Public
7 Health Emergency Order that included all Navajo citizens to remain at home
8 and abide by daily curfews and weekend lockdowns. Additional guidance was
9 to follow personal protective precautionary measures in the prevention and
10 contraction of the COVID-19 Virus. NNDOH Public Health Emergency Order
11 is attached as **Exhibit B**.

12 3. The COVID-19 Virus became a Global Pandemic infecting millions of people
13 worldwide and attributed to mass infections and deaths to include the Navajo
14 Nation.

15 4. As of March 9, 2021, the Navajo Nation and communities has endured 29,887
16 infections that attributed to 1,204 confirmed deaths. There were 16,202
17 recoveries. NNDOH data sheet is attached as **Exhibit C**.

18 5. The Navajo Nation proposes to honor and memorialize all survivors and those
19 who succumbed to the COVID-19 Virus.

20 6. The Navajo Nation further proposes to recognize and “Appreciate” all Navajo
21 Nation Essential and Frontline workers for their sacrifice, commitment, and
22 hard work for providing continued services to the Navajo Nation.

23 7. The Navajo Nation hereby proclaims an Honorarium and Memorial in
24 recognizing survivors and families, and those individuals who lost their lives to
25 the COVID-19 Virus, and recognizing all Navajo Nation Essential and Frontline
26 workers who continuously provided services to the Navajo Nation during the
27 pandemic. Proclamation is attached as **Exhibit D**.

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29 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**
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- A. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby approves an Honorarium and Memorial of those survivors and families, and of those individuals who succumbed to the COVID-19 Virus. And, further recognizes all Navajo Nation Essential and Frontline workers who provided their ultimate sacrifice, commitment, and hard work during the Navajo Nation and Global Pandemic.

- B. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee hereby authorizes the Navajo Nation President, the Navajo Nation Speaker, to proclaim an Honorarium and Memorial of the victims of the COVID-19 Virus and to further recognize all Navajo Nation Essential and Frontline Workers for their sacrifice, commitment, and hard work during the Navajo Nation and Global Pandemic.