TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services Committee; Recommending for Approval of the Naabik’íyáti’ Committee the Designation of the Fort Defiance Indian Hospital Board, Inc. as a Navajo Nation “Tribal Organization” for the Purposes of Contracting with the United States Indian Health Service and Authorizing it to Negotiate and Enter into Title I, Indian Self-Determination Act (P.L. 93-638, as Amended) Contracts and Title V Self Governance Compacts Pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination Act (P.L. 93-638, as Amended), Such Designation of “Tribal Organization” being Revocable and Contingent on Compliance with all Terms and Conditions as Required

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TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE; RECOMMENDING FOR APPROVAL OF THE NAABIK’IYATI COMMITTEE THE DESIGNATION OF THE FORT DEFIANCE INDIAN HOSPITAL BOARD, INC. AS A NAVAJO NATION “TRIBAL ORGANIZATION” FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONTRACTING WITH THE UNITED STATES INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE AND AUTHORIZING IT TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO TITLE I, INDIAN SELF-DETERMINATION ACT (P.L. 93-638, AS AMENDED) CONTRACTS AND TITLE V SELF GOVERNANCE COMPACTS PURSUANT TO THE INDIAN SELF-DETERMINATION ACT (P.L. 93-638, AS AMENDED), SUCH DESIGNATION OF “TRIBAL ORGANIZATION” BEING REVOCABLE AND CONTINGENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS REQUIRED

PURPOSE: To recommend for approval of the Naabik’iyati’ Committee the designation of the Fort Defiance Indian Hospital Board, Inc. (FDIHBI) as a Navajo Nation “tribal organization” for the purposes of contracting with the United States Indian Health Service, and authorizing the FDIHBI to negotiate and enter into Title I, Indian Self-Determination Act (P.L. 93-638, as amended) Contracts and Title V Self Governance Compacts pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination Act (P.L. 93-638, as amended), such designation of “tribal organization” being revocable and contingent on compliance with all terms and conditions required.

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

INTRODUCED BY

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TRACKING NO. 0095-21

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“TRIBAL ORGANIZATION” BEING REVOCABLE AND CONTINGENT ON
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BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY
A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee exercises oversight
responsibility over all matters related to health on the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §400
(C)(1)
B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee exercises authority to review
and recommend the authorization and designation of a for-profit or non-profit health or
social services organization as a tribal organization for the purposes of contracting or compacting under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. N.N.C. § 401 (6)(e).

C. Navajo Nation Council Resolution CJY-33-10 authorized the previously existing Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Navajo Nation Council to act as final approval authority, only upon a recommendation for approval by the Health, Education and Social Services Committee and each of the Navajo Nation Chapters to be served, for all additional designations of “tribal organizations.”

D. Upon reorganization of the Navajo Nation Council and Committees the Naabik’iyati Committee assumed, unless otherwise specified, all the responsibilities of the previous Navajo Nation Council’s Intergovernmental Relations Committee and the Health, Education and Social Services Committee was renamed the Health, Education and Human Services Committee. CAP-10-11

E. The Naabik’iyati’ Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, only upon the recommendation for approval by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee and the approval of each of the Navajo Nation Chapters to be served, is to act as the final authority for approving the revocable designation of “tribal organization” for purposes of contracting under the Indian Self-Determination Act (P.L. 93-638, as amended), and Title V Self Governance Compacts pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination Act. (P.L. 93-638, as amended).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. Resolution CJY-33-10 authorized contractors to be authorized as Navajo Nation “tribal organizations” for the purpose of entering into Title V, Self-Governance Compacts/Contracts pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination Act, (P.L. 93-638, as amended).

B. The Fort Defiance Indian Hospital Board, Inc. has requested to be designated a “tribal organization” for a period of fifteen (15) years, for the purposes of contracting with the United States Indian Health Service and to negotiate and enter into Title I, Indian Self-Determination Act (P.L. 93-638, as amended) Contracts. See Exhibit A
C. The Fort Defiance Indian Hospital Board, Inc. serves the Navajo Nation Chapters and Commissioned Governments of Cornfields, Crystal, Fort Defiance, Ganado, Greasewood Springs, Houck, Kin Dah Lichii', Klagetoh, Nahata Dzil, Oak Springs, Red Lake, Sawmill, St. Michaels, Steamboat, Tse' Si' Ani', and Wide Ruins.

D. The Fort Defiance Indian Hospital Board, Inc. proposal for designation of “tribal organization” has been endorsed by separate resolutions adopted by all the named respective chapters. The chapter resolutions are attached and can be found in Exhibit B.

E. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee, by Resolution HEHSCD-26-18 attached as Exhibit C, previously authorized the Fort Defiance Indian Hospital Board, Inc., as a “tribal organization” to negotiate and enter into Title I, Indian Self-Determination Act (P.L. 93-638, as amended), Contracts and Title V, Indian Self-Determination Act (P.L. 93-638, as amended) Compacts being revocable and contingent on continuing compliance with all terms and conditions as approved by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.

F. The Fort Defiance Indian Hospital Board, Inc.'s tribal designation expires on December 28, 2021.

G. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council finds it to be in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to approve and recommend to the Naabik'iyáti Committee that the Fort Defiance Indian Hospital Board, Inc. be given the revocable designation of “tribal organization” for a period of fifteen (15) years for the purposes of contracting with the United States Indian Health Service and to negotiate and enter into Title I, Indian Self-Determination Act (P.L. 93-638, as amended) Contracts and Title V, Indian Self-Determination Act (P.L. 93-638, as amended) Compacts contingent on compliance with all terms and conditions as required in Exhibit D.

SECTION THREE. APPROVAL

A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby approves and recommends to the Naabik'iyáti Committee that the Fort Defiance Indian Hospital Board, Inc. be given the revocable designation of “tribal organization”
for a period of fifteen (15) years, beginning December 29, 2021, and ending December 28, 2036, for the purposes of contracting with the United States Indian Health Service and to negotiate and enter into Title I, Indian Self-Determination Act (P.L. 93-638, as amended) Contracts, and Title V, Indian Self-Determination Act (P.L. 93-638, as amended) Compacts contingent on compliance with Terms and Conditions as required in Exhibit D.