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**TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services,
Naabik'iyáti' and Navajo Nation Council; Approving the Reinstatement of Desiree
Renaë Casey as a Member of the Navajo Nation**

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0096-21

DATE: June 9, 2021

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING THE REINSTATEMENT OF DESIREE RENAE CASEY AS A MEMBER OF THE NAVAJO NATION

PURPOSE: To approve the reinstatement, or otherwise re-enroll Desiree Renae Case as a member of the Navajo Nation.

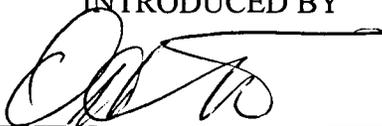
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1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
2 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Third Year, 2021

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14 NAVAJO NATION

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16 BE IT ENACTED:

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18 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- 19 A. Under the laws of the Navajo Nation, any enrolled member of the Navajo Nation may
20 renounce [her] membership by written petition to the President of the Navajo Nation
21 requesting that his name be stricken from the Navajo Nation roll. *See* 1 N.N.C. § 705
22 (Renunciation of membership).
- 23 B. The Navajo Nation in addition states, “[n]o person, otherwise eligible for membership
24 in the Navajo Nation, may enroll as a member of the Navajo Nation, who, at the same
25 time, is on the roll of any other tribe of Indians.” *See* 1 N.N.C. § 703 (Member of
26 another tribe).
- 27 C. Renounced members may be reinstated by the Navajo Nation only by the vote of
28 majority of the Navajo Nation Council. *See* 1 N.N.C. § 705 (Renunciation of
29 membership).
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1 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 2 A. The Navajo Nation Office of Vital Records confirmed Desiree Renae Casey was
3 enrolled with the Navajo Nation on September 9, 1996, and provided an enrollment
4 number of . *See Exhibit A.*
- 5 B. The Navajo Nation Office of Vital Records confirmed Desiree Renae Casey petitioned
6 for relinquishment from the Navajo Nation through the Navajo Nation 164 Review
7 Process as she was also enrolled with the San Juan Southern Paiute tribe. *See Document*
8 *# 011872 as Exhibit B.*
- 9 C. The Navajo Nation Office of Vital Records has further confirmed Desiree Renae Casey
10 is three-eighths (3/8) degree Navajo blood and therefore, she is eligible to enroll as a
11 member of the Navajo Nation. 1 N.N.C. § 701 (B). *See Exhibit A.*
- 12 D. Desiree Renae Casey has formally requested reinstatement into the Navajo Nation. *See*
13 *letter dated May 6, 2021, as Exhibit C.*
- 14 E. The San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe has confirmed Desiree Renae Casey formally
15 relinquished her San Juan Southern Paiute tribal membership on August 9, 2019. *See*
16 *San Juan Southern Paiute Tribal Resolution 2019-100 and Relinquishment Statement*
17 *as Exhibits D and E.*

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19 **SECTION THREE. RE-ENROLLMENT**

20 Desiree Renae Casey shall be reinstated, or otherwise re-enrolled, as a member of the
21 Navajo Nation. By this action of the Navajo Nation Council and pursuant to the laws of
22 the Navajo Nation, she shall be entitled to all rights, benefits and privileges associated with
23 membership with the Navajo Nation.
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