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## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0121-21

**DATE:** July 20, 2021

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTÍ COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING UNITED STATES SENATE BILL S. 4715 TITLED, "TO GRANT A FEDERAL CHARTER TO THE NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN VETERANS, INCORPORATED (INC.)"

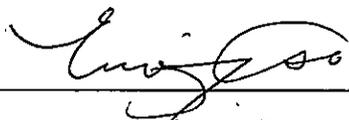
**PURPOSE:** An action related to the Health, Education and Human Services and Naabik'iyati' Committee; supporting United States Senate Bill S. 4715 title, "To Grant a Federal Charter to the National American Indian Veterans, Incorporated (Inc.)"

**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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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
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TRACKING NO. 0121-21

AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTÍ COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING UNITED STATES SENATE BILL S.  
4715 TITLED "TO GRANT A FEDERAL CHARTER TO THE NATIONAL AMERICAN  
INDIAN VETERANS, INCORPORATED (INC.)"

**WHEREAS:**

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered the Naabik'iyáti' Committee to coordinate all request for information, appearances and testimony relating to proposed country, state and federal legislation impacting the Navajo Nation. See 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A), 701 (A) (6) and also CO-45-12.
- B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council empowered to represent that Navajo Nation at local, state and federal levels in other actions affecting health, environmental health, social services, education, veteran's services, employment, training and labor. See 2 N.N.C. §401 (B) (7).
- C. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the United States of America, Treaty of 1868, Aug. 12, 1868, 15 Stat. 667.
- D. On September 24, 2020 U.S. Senator Mike Rounds (R-SD) introduced United States Senate Bill S. 4715 titled, "To Grant a Federal Charter to the National American Indian Veterans, Incorporated (Inc.)." 116 Cong. Rec. S4715 (2020) attached as **Exhibit A**.

- 1 E. A congressional or federal charter is a federal statute that establishes a corporation.  
2 Congress has issued charters since 1791, although most charters were issued after the  
3 start of the 20th century. Congress has used charters to create a variety of corporate  
4 entities, such as banks, government-sponsored enterprises, commercial corporations,  
5 venture capital funds, and quasi-governmental entities.
- 6 F. Congressionally chartered corporations have raised diverse issues for Congress, including  
7 (1) Title 36 corporations' membership practices; (2) prohibitions on Title 36 corporations  
8 engaging in "political activities"; (3) confusion over which corporations are governmental  
9 and which are private; and (4) federal management of these corporations.
- 10 G. The National American Indian Veterans, Inc. is a non-profit corporation ("corporation")  
11 organized in the United States seeking a federal charter.
- 12 H. The purposes of the corporation, as stated in the articles of incorporation, constitution,  
13 and bylaws of the corporation, and commitment are to-
- 14 1. uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States while respecting the  
15 sovereignty of the American Indian Nations;
  - 16 2. unite under one body all American Indian veterans who served in the Armed Forces  
17 of the United States;
  - 18 3. be an advocate on behalf of all-American Indian veterans without regard to whether  
19 they served during time of peace, conflict, or war;
  - 20 4. promote social welfare (including educational, economic, social, physical, and  
21 cultural values and traditional healing) in the United States by encouraging the  
22 growth and development, readjustment, self-respect, self-confidence, contributions,  
23 and self-identity of American veterans;
  - 24 5. serve as an advocate for the needs of American Veterans and their families and  
25 survivors in their dealings with all Federal and State government agencies;
  - 26 6. promote, support, and utilize research, on a nonpartisan basis, pertaining to the  
27 relationship between American Indian veterans and American Society; and
  - 28 7. provide technical assistance to the Bureau of Indian Affairs regional areas that are not  
29 served by any veteran's committee or organization or program by-  
30 a. providing outreach service to Indian Tribes; and

1           b. training and educating Tribal Veterans Service Officers for Indian Tribes in need.

2           I. This bill has received support from the National Military Veterans Alliance (NMVA), a  
3           nonpartisan consortium of more than 30 veterans and military service organizations and  
4           experts. *See* Letter of Support dated December 7, 2020, as **Exhibit B**.

5           J. This bill provides a service-connection to all American Indian veterans including Navajo  
6           veterans who served in all branches of the United States Armed Forces.

7           K. It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to support United States Senate Bill S. 4715,  
8           in that Navajo Nation veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces receive  
9           representation within the federal charter of National American Indian Veterans, Inc.

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11           **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

12           A. The Navajo Nation hereby supports United States Senate Bill S. 4715 titled, "To  
13           Grant a Federal Charter to the National American Indian Veterans, Incorporated"  
14           attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

15           B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council,  
16           President of the Navajo Nation, and their designees, to support United States  
17           Senate Bill S. 4715, To Grant a federal charter to the National American Indian  
18           Veterans, Incorporated.