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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0184-21

DATE: August 31, 2021

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES, LAW AND ORDER, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION DINÉ ACTION PLAN

PURPOSE: This resolution, if adopted, will approve the Diné Action Plan and establish and advisory group that will implement the goals and objectives of the Diné Action Plan.

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 NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—Third Year, 2021

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RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES, LAW AND ORDER, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION DINÉ ACTION PLAN

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITIES

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and as such gave the Committee legislative oversight over matters impacting the health of the Navajo Nation and its tribal organizations, entities, and enterprises. 2 N.N.C. §§ 400(A), 401(B)(1).
- B. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and as such gave the committee legislative oversight over courts, administrative legal tribunals, criminal defense, legal defense of the indigent, juvenile justice, corrections, law enforcement and emergency management, to protect the rights and interests of the Navajo People by improving the quality and effectiveness of the justice system within the Navajo Nation, to enable the Navajo Nation to more effectively provide efficient public safety services to the Navajo Nation, and to support effective cooperation and coordination between Navajo Nation law enforcement agencies and

1 that of the various states and federal government law enforcement agencies. 2 N.N.C.
2 §§ 600(A), 600(C)(2)(6)(7).

3 C. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council
4 and pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A)(9), a proposed resolution that requires final action
5 by the Navajo Nation Council shall be assigned to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee
6 before it is heard by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 700(A).

7 D. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §
8 102 (A).

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10 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

11 A. The Executive, Judicial, and Legislative branches provided the updated Diné Action
12 Plan which incorporates the use of our Dine life ways of Nitsáhákees (thinking),
13 Nahat'á(planning), Iiná (action) and Siihásin (reflection) of addressing Naayéé
14 attached as **Exhibit A**.

15 B. Essentially, the purpose of the DAP is similar to the former Tribal Action plan that it
16 provides a roadmap for all entities and partners to address public safety and social
17 program needs in order to address the issues plaguing the Navajo Nation which
18 include violence, substance use disorder, suicide, and our missing/murdered Diné
19 relatives.

20 C. DAP will also provide data which will be used to support future grant applications.

21 D. Pursuant to CN-55-87, the Navajo Nation approved the Tribal Action Plan and a
22 Memorandum of Agreement with tribal and federal agencies in response to the Indian
23 Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act of 1986 (PL 99-570).

24 E. In 2015, the three branches of the Navajo Nation government collaborated and
25 created an agreement with the purpose of improving the quality of life and providing
26 economic opportunities for the Navajo People. The three branches embarked on an
27 effort to improve Navajo Nation laws, policies, and processes to better meet the needs
28 of the Navajo People.

29 F. In 2016, a collaborative effort between several Navajo Nation governmental agencies
30 revived the Tribal Action Plan and renamed it as the Diné Action Plan (DAP).

1 G. On April 10, 2018, the three branch leaders introduced the DAP to the Diné People
2 and leadership and brought forth the plan as a blue print for improving the quality of
3 life throughout Navajo Nation. Attached as **Exhibit A-2**.

4 H. On July 27, 2021, the three branch leaders addressed the significance and focus of the
5 DAP to address violence, substance use, and suicidality. The three branch leader
6 presented the Diné Action Plan to the Diné People and also encourages our people
7 and leaders to learn more about the DAP and to make an effort to become familiar
8 with the Plan's content. Attached as **Exhibit A-1**.

9 I. DAP incorporates the historical Diné traditional teachings and Diné Planning Model
10 in order to think, plan, carry out, and reflect on the goals, plans, and anticipated
11 accomplishments.

12 J. Upon DAP's approval an Advisory Group will be created to develop and oversee
13 implementation of the goals and objectives of the DAP.

14 K. It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to approve the Diné Action Plan and
15 establish an advisory group to implement the goals and objectives of the DAP.

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17 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

18 A. The Navajo Nation hereby approves the Diné Action Plan as set forth in **Exhibit A**.

19 B. The Navajo Nation hereby supports and approves the establishment of the Advisory
20 Group as described in the DAP pursuant to **Exhibit A**, pages 36-39.

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22 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

23 The Diné Action Plan and the establishment of the Advisory Group shall become
24 effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 221(B).