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AN ACTION
RELATING TO THE NAABIK’IYÁTI’ COMMITTEE; APPROVING THE
SPEAKER’S APPOINTMENT OF HENRIETTA SANDOVAL-SOLAND TO THE
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSIONER POSITION ON THE NAVAJO
NATION HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY
A. The Naabik’iýáti’ Committee is established as a Standing Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §700.
B. The Naabik’iýáti’ Committee has the authority to approve and confirm appointments of Commissioners by the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, to the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission. 2 N.N.C. §922(A).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS
A. The Commissioners of the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission (“NNHRC”) shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council and confirmed by the Naabik’iýáti’ Committee. 2 N.N.C. §922(A).
B. According to the NNHRC’s Plan of Operation, the NNHRC shall consist of five Commissioners with reputable and established backgrounds in the fields of education, business, law
enforcement, and social services. 2 N.N.C. §922(A).

C. The NNHRC commissioners shall each serve a four-year term pursuant to the NNHRC Plan of Operation as approved by Navajo Nation Council Resolution No. CJN-15-08. Whenever a vacancy occurs on the Commission, the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council appoints a new qualified member. NNHRC Plan of Operation, at Section IV-B, Organization/Term of Office.

D. The NNHRC has approved Resolution No. NNHRCJUNE-07-21, which describes its recommended method of selecting new Commissioners. See Exhibit 1 (2 pages).

E. The Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council has appointed Henrietta Sandoval-Soland for the law enforcement position on the NNHRC. See Exhibit 2 (1 page).

F. Henrietta Sandoval-Soland fulfills the requirements for the law enforcement position on the NNHRC, based on her reputable and established professional background. See Exhibit 3 (15 pages total).

G. The Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council and the Naabik’iyáti’ Committee consider it to be in the best interest of the Navajo Nation that Henrietta Sandoval-Soland be appointed to the law enforcement position on the NNHRC for the current remaining term left vacant by the recent removal of a former Commissioner.

SECTION THREE. APPOINTMENT

The Naabik’iyáti’ Committee hereby confirms the appointment by the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council of Henrietta Sandoval-Soland as a Commissioner on the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission. Ms. Sandoval-Soland shall fill the law enforcement position for the current remaining Commissioner’s term left vacant by the recent removal of a former Commissioner.