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**TITLE: An Action Relating to Resources and Development; Approving a Mission Site Permit for 1.5 Acre, More or Less, for Mitten Rock Tree of Life Church in the Vicinity of Red Valley Chapter, Navajo Nation**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

**Tracking No.** 0237-21

**DATE:** November 8, 2021

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT; APPROVING A MISSION SITE PERMIT FOR 1.5 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, FOR MITTEN ROCK TREE OF LIFE CHURCH IN THE VICINITY OF RED VALLEY CHAPTER, NAVAJO NATION

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this legislation is to approve a mission site permit for Mitten rock Tree of Life Church on 1.5 acres located in the Red Valley Chapter, Navajo Nation.

**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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1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
2 24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Third Year, 2021

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8 TRACKING NO. 0237-21

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10 AN ACTION  
11 RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT;  
12 APPROVING A MISSION SITE PERMIT FOR 1.5 ACRE, MORE OR LESS,  
13 FOR MITTEN ROCK TREE OF LIFE CHURCH IN THE VICINITY OF RED  
14 VALLEY CHAPTER, NAVAJO NATION

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16 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 17 A. Pursuant to 16 N.N.C. Section 1151 (C), the Resources Development Committee of  
18 the Navajo Nation Council has the authority to give approval for permits for mission  
19 sites on behalf of the Navajo Nation.  
20 B. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. Section 501 (B)(2), the Resources Development Committee of  
21 the Navajo Nation Council has the authority to give final approval for all land  
22 withdrawals, non-mineral leases, permits, licenses, rights-of-way, surface easements  
23 and bonding requirements on Navajo Nation lands and unrestricted (fee) land. This  
24 authority shall include subleases, modifications, assignments, leasehold  
25 encumbrances, transfers, renewals, and terminations.

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27 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- 28 A. The Mitten Rock Tree of Life Church has applied for a mission site within the Red  
29 Valley Chapter.  
30 B. The Terms and Conditions for the Mission Site Permit is attached as **Exhibit A**.

- 1 C. The proposed mission site is located on 1.5 acres, more or less, within the vicinity of  
2 Red Valley Chapter, Navajo Nation (New Mexico). The survey of the Mitten Rock  
3 Tree of Life Church Tract is attached as **Exhibit B**.
- 4 D. The Grazing Official, in a Field Clearance Checklist dated May 11, 2021, identified  
5 one grazing permit holder. The Field Clearance Checklist and the Consent to Use  
6 Navajo Tribal Lands for Mission Site with the grazing permit holder's approval are  
7 attached as **Exhibit C**.
- 8 E. The Red Valley Chapter Resolution RVC-48-15 dated September 13, 2015  
9 "support[ing] Mitten Rock Tree of Life Church request of lease application for their  
10 existing church site for religious services to the Navajo People" and a signed petition  
11 are attached herein as **Exhibit D**.
- 12 F. The Biological Resources Compliance Form is attached as **Exhibit E**; the Historic  
13 Preservation Department Cultural Resources Compliance Form is attached as **Exhibit**  
14 **F**; and the HPD Report dated 9/21/2015 Consultant Report No. DCRM 2015-50 is  
15 attached as **Exhibit G**. The Environmental Assessment prepared by the Denali  
16 Environmental Services and a memorandum dated August 24, 2015 by Denali  
17 Environmental Services are attached as **Exhibit H**.
- 18 G. The Application, the Certificate of Incorporation, the Articles of Incorporation, and the  
19 Sliding Fee Scale Form for Mission Site Permits are attached as **Exhibit I**.
- 20 H. The Executive Official Review document number 015695 with reviews by the  
21 Department of Justice, Department of Water Resources, Fish and Wildlife, Minerals  
22 Management Department, Historic Preservation Department, Division of Natural  
23 Resources Administration and the Navajo Land Department; and, review by the Navajo  
24 Nation Environmental Protection Agency by memorandum dated September 2, 2021  
25 indicating "approved" or "sufficient" are attached as **Exhibit J**.

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27 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

- 28 A. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby  
29 approves the Mission Site Permit for the Mitten Rock Tree of Life Church, subject to  
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1 but not limited to the attached Terms and Conditions contained herein as **Exhibit A**  
2 which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

3 B. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby  
4 authorizes President of the Navajo Nation to execute all documents to affect the intent  
5 and purpose of this resolution.  
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