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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Resources and Development, Budget and Finance Committees; Accepting the Auditor General's Internal Audit of the Torreon/Star Lake Chapter; Approving the Proposed Corrective Action Plan of the Torreon/Star Lake Chapter

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LEGISLATION SUMMARY SHEET

TRACKING NO. 0255-21

DATE: November 18, 2021

TITLE OF LEGISLATION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, AND BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEES; ACCEPTING THE AUDITOR GENERAL'S INTERNAL AUDIT OF THE TORREON/STAR LAKE CHAPTER; APPROVING THE PROPOSED CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN OF THE TORREON/STAR LAKE CHAPTER

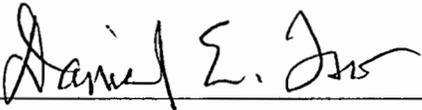
PURPOSE OF THIS LEGISLATION: to accept the Auditor General's Audit Report of the Torreon/Star Lake Chapter and approve the Chapter's proposed Corrective Action Plan to address the audit findings by September 20, 2022.

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

3 Introduced by:

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11 RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, AND BUDGET AND
12 FINANCE COMMITTEES; ACCEPTING THE AUDITOR GENERAL'S INTERNAL
13 AUDIT OF THE TORREON/STAR LAKE CHAPTER; APPROVING THE PROPOSED
14 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN OF THE TORREON/STAR LAKE CHAPTER

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16 BE IT ENACTED:

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18 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 19 A. The Resources and Development Committee ("RDC") serves as the oversight committee over
20 all Navajo Nation Chapters. 2 N.N.C. §501(C)(1).
21 B. As the oversight committee of Chapters, the RDC reviews audit reports and proposed
22 corrective action plans regarding Chapter financial matters. 12 N.N.C. §7(E).
23 C. The Budget and Finance Committee ("BFC") has the authority to review and approve audit
24 reports of the Auditor General, and corrective action plans proposed by audited Navajo Nation
25 programs, including all Navajo Nation Chapters. 12 N.N.C. §6(A) and §7(D).

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27 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- 28 A. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C §6 the Office of the Auditor General has prepared and submitted a fiscal
29 review of the Torreon/Star Lake Chapter, titled: "Internal Audit of the Torreon/Star Lake
30 Chapter" - Report No. 21-05 - dated March 2021 ("Audit Report"). EXHIBIT A.

1 B. The Torreon/Star Lake Chapter responded to the Audit Report in a letter to the Auditor
2 General dated March 25, 2021. **EXHIBIT B.**

3 C. To remedy the findings in the Audit Report, the Torreon/Star Lake Chapter has prepared a
4 Corrective Action Plan, in which the Chapter proposes to cure the audit findings by a deadline
5 of September 20, 2022. **EXHIBIT C.**

6 D. By Chapter Resolution No. TSL 10/2021-72, dated October 17, 2021, the Torreon/Star Lake
7 Chapter approved the Corrective Action Plan. **EXHIBIT D.**

8 E. The Budget and Finance Committee has the final authority to approve corrective action plans
9 proposed in response to audit findings. 12 N.N.C. §7(D).

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11 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL OF AUDIT REPORT AND THE CORRECTIVE**
12 **ACTION PLAN OF TORREON/STAR LAKE CHAPTER**

13 A. The Navajo Nation hereby approves the Audit Report of the Torreon/Star Lake Chapter, titled:
14 “Internal Audit of the Torreon/Star Lake Chapter” - Report No. 21-05 - dated March 2021,
15 attached hereto as **EXHIBIT A.**

16 B. The Navajo Nation hereby approves the Corrective Action Plan submitted by the Torreon/Star
17 Lake Chapter, attached hereto as **EXHIBIT C.**

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19 **SECTION FOUR. DIRECTIVES**

20 A. A copy of the Audit Report and the Torreon/Star Lake Chapter’s Corrective Action Plan, as
21 approved in this Legislation, shall be provided to the RDC as part of RDC’s oversight
22 responsibility over Navajo Nation Chapters. 12 N.N.C. §7(E).

23 B. The Torreon/Star Lake Chapter shall prepare and submit a written status report on the
24 Chapter’s progress regarding implementation of its Corrective Action Plan. The Chapter shall
25 submit such report to the Office of the Auditor General (“OAG”) no later than six months
26 after the date of approval of this legislation. 12 N.N.C. §7(F).

27 C. The OAG shall receive and review the Chapter’s status report, shall promptly prepare a
28 memorandum explaining the Auditor General’s opinion as to the success of the Chapter’s
29 corrective efforts, and shall submit such memorandum along with a copy of the Chapter’s
30 status report to the RDC and the BFC. 12 N.N.C. §7(F).

1 D. Twelve months after the effective date of this Legislation the OAG shall conduct a follow-up
2 review of the Torreon/Star Lake Chapter to examine and verify the Chapter's implementation
3 of its Corrective Action Plan. The OAG shall prepare a report on its findings resulting from
4 the follow-up review, and such report shall include the Auditor General's recommended
5 sanctions, if any, to be imposed upon the Chapter for failure to implement its Corrective
6 Action Plan. 12 N.N.C. §7(G).

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8 **SECTION FIVE. EFFECTIVE DATE**

9 This Legislation shall become effective pursuant to 12 N.N.C. §6(A) and §7(D).

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11 **SECTION SIX. SAVING CLAUSE**

12 If any provision of this Legislation is determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or
13 by a Navajo Nation District Court without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, those
14 provisions of this Legislation not determined invalid shall remain the law of the Navajo Nation.