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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Resources and Development Committee; Approving Amendments to the Plans of Operation for the Navajo Parks and Recreation Department, the Navajo Nation Museum, and the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources, to Place the Museum Under the Parks and Recreation Department**

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## LEGISLATION SUMMARY

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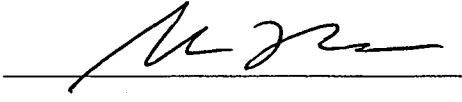
**Re: AN ACT RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE PLANS OF OPERATION FOR THE NAVAJO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, THE NAVAJO NATION MUSEUM, AND THE NAVAJO NATION DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES, TO PLACE THE MUSEUM UNDER THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**Purpose:** to approve amendments to the Plans of Operation for Navajo Parks and Recreation, the Museum, and the Division of Natural Resources, to place the Museum under the Parks and Recreation Department.

OLC No. 21-473-1

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Fourth Year, 2022

Introduced by:



(Prime Sponsor)

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**AN ACT**  
**RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE;**  
**APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE PLANS OF OPERATION**  
**FOR THE NAVAJO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT,**  
**THE NAVAJO NATION MUSEUM, AND THE NAVAJO NATION**  
**DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES, TO PLACE THE MUSEUM**  
**UNDER THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

BE IT ENACTED:

**SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

A. The Resources and Development Committee (“RDC”) is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight authority over the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources (“DNR”). 2 N.N.C. §500(A) and 2 N.N.C. §501(C)(1).

B. RDC has final approval authority for the Plans of Operation for DNR and its subordinate departments. 2 N.N.C. §501(B)(2)(g).

**SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

A. The Navajo Parks and Recreation Department (“PRD”), the Navajo Nation Museum (“Museum”), and DNR, have all agreed that it is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation for the two departments under DNR, PRD and the Museum, to merge under PRD such that the

1 Museum would no longer be a separate and distinct department under DNR. The Director of  
2 the Museum has prepared a memorandum, dated October 27, 2021, explaining the reasons  
3 and justification for the proposed merger. **EXHIBIT A.**

4 B. The proposed new Plan of Operation for PRD amends PRD's current Plan of Operation to  
5 place the Museum completely under PRD. **EXHIBIT B.**

6 C. PRD's new Plan of Operation would entirely rescind the Plan of Operation for the Museum  
7 and eliminate the Museum as a separate and distinct department under DNR. **EXHIBIT C.**

8 D. The proposed amendment to the Plan of Operation for DNR, showing the deletion of the  
9 Museum as a separate and distinct department, is attached hereto as **EXHIBIT D.**

10 E. An "Executive Official Review" of the proposed new Plan of Operation for PRD, which  
11 includes PRD's responsibility and authority over the Museum, was performed, and the  
12 Executive Director of DNR, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Department of  
13 Justice, all indicated that the proposed merger is "sufficient." **EXHIBIT E.**

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15 **SECTION THREE. APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE PLANS OF OPERATION**  
16 **FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, THE**  
17 **MUSEUM, AND THE DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

18 A. The Navajo Nation hereby approves the amended Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation  
19 Parks and Recreation Department, to place responsibility and management of the Museum  
20 under PRD, as shown in **EXHIBIT B.**

21 B. The Navajo Nation hereby approves the amended Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation  
22 Museum, to eliminate the Museum as a department under DNR, as shown in **EXHIBIT C.**

23 C. The Navajo Nation hereby approves the amended Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation  
24 Division of Natural Resources, to eliminate the Museum as a department under DNR, as  
25 shown in **EXHIBIT D.**

26 D. It is in the Navajo Nation's best interest to merge the Museum under the Navajo Parks and  
27 Recreation Department and place responsibility and management for the Museum upon PRD.

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29 **SECTION FIVE. EFFECTIVE DATE**

30 This Act shall become effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §221(C) and 2 N.N.C. §501(B)(2)(g).

1 **SECTION SIX. SAVING CLAUSE**

2 If any portion of this Act is determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or by a  
3 District Court of the Navajo Nation without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, the  
4 remainder of this Act shall be the law of the Navajo Nation.

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