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SPONSOR: Herman Daniels, Jr.

TITLE: An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving the Reinstatement of Shandiin Deputee as a Member of the Navajo Nation

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

TrackingNo. 0164-22

Date: September 12, 2022

Re: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING THE REINSTATEMENT OF SHANDIIN DEPUTEE AS A MEMBER OF THE NAVAJO NATION

Purpose of this Legislation:

to approve the reinstatement of Shandiin Deputee as an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation.

OLC No. 22-317-1

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: Johnson
Website Posting Time/Date: _____
Posting End Date: 09-25-22
Eligible for Action: 09-26-22

Health Education & Human Services Committee
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Naabik'iyáti' Committee
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Navajo Nation Council

1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
2 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2022

3 Introduced by:

4  Herman M. Daniels, Jr.

6 (Prime Sponsor)

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10 AN ACTION
11 RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES,
12 AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION
13 COUNCIL; APPROVING THE REINSTATEMENT OF
14 SHANDIIN DEPUTEE AS A MEMBER OF THE NAVAJO NATION

16 BE IT ENACTED:

18 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 19 A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §102(A).
20 B. A proposed resolution that requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council shall be
21 assigned to standing committee(s) having authority over the subject matter at issue and the
22 Naabik'iyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(9).
23 C. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo
24 Nation Council and has legislative oversight over the Navajo Nation Office of Vital Records
25 and Identification. 2 N.N.C. §400(A), §401(C)(2), and §1665.
26 D. Navajo Nation law provides, “[r]enunciation of membership” provides that [a]ny enrolled
27 member of the Navajo Nation may renounce his [her] membership by written petition to the
28 President of the Navajo Nation requesting that his [her] name be stricken from the Navajo
29 Nation roll. Such person may be reinstated in the Navajo Nation only by the vote of majority
30 of the Navajo Nation Council. 1 N.N.C. §705.

1 E. In addition, Navajo Law provides, “[n]o person, otherwise eligible for membership in the
2 Navajo Nation, may enroll as a member of the Navajo Nation, who, at the same time, is on
3 the roll of any other tribe of Indians.” 1 N.N.C. §703.
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5 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

6 A. The Navajo Nation Office of Vital Records issued a Certificate of Indian Blood (“CIB”) to
7 Shandiin Deputee on March 2, 2007. **EXHIBIT A.**

8 B. Ms. Deputee became a member of the Crow Tribe, relinquished her Crow tribal membership
9 on July 12, 2022. **EXHIBIT B.**

10 C. Ms. Deputee now requests reinstatement as a member of the Navajo Nation.

11 D. The Oljato Chapter has adopted Resolution No. OLJ08-02-2022-NB2 in support of Ms.
12 Deputee’s reinstatement request. **EXHIBIT C.**

13 E. Ms. Deputee is eligible for reinstatement pursuant to 1 N.N.C. §705.
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15 **SECTION THREE. REINSTATEMENT OF SHANDIIN DEPUTEE**

16 The Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms that Shandiin Deputee is reinstated and re-enrolled
17 as a member of the Navajo Nation. Ms. Deputee shall hereafter be entitled to all rights, benefits,
18 and privileges associated with Navajo Nation membership.
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