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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET
Tracking No. 0028-23

DATE: February 28, 2023

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER, BUDGET AND FINANCE, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A TWO (2) YEAR EXTENSION TO THE ARIZONA MUTUAL AID COMPACT

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, will extend the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact for two (2) years.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each committee member to review the proposed resolution in detail.

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1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
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15 BE IT ENACTED:

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17 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 18 A. Intergovernmental Agreements must be reviewed and approved by resolutions by the
19 appropriate standing committee (s) and the Navajo Nation Council except as otherwise
20 provided herein. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A).
- 21 B. The Navajo Nation established the Law and Order Committee as a standing committee of
22 the Navajo Nation Council empowered with authority to provide oversight over law
23 enforcement activities and with the enumerated power to support effective cooperation and
24 coordination between Navajo Nation law enforcement agencies and that of various states
25 and federal government law enforcement agencies. 2 N.N.C. §§ 600 (A) and (C)(7).
- 26 C. The Law and Order Committee was also delegated the enumerated power to grant approval
27 for agreements negotiated by justice systems entities, administrative legal tribunals and
28 public safety programs with other federal, state, international, tribal, regional, and local
29 governmental agencies, subject to Naabik'iyáti' Committee approval when required by
30 law. 2 N.N.C. §§ 601 (B)(1)(A).

1 D. The Navajo Nation established the Budget and Finance Committee as a standing
2 committee of the Navajo Nation Council empowered with oversight authority over budget,
3 finances, insurance, and other matters. 2 N.N.C. § 300 (C). The Budget and Finance
4 Committee was also delegated the enumerated power to authorize, review, approve and
5 accept agreements, including contracts and grants, between the Navajo Nation and any
6 federal, state, or regional authority upon the recommendation of the standing committee
7 which has oversight of the division, department or program which has applied for the
8 agreement. 2 N.N.C. § 301 (B)(15).

9 E. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a standing committee of
10 the Navajo Nation Council empowered to coordinate all federal, county and state programs
11 with other standing committees and branches of the Navajo Nation government to provide
12 the most efficient delivery of services to the Navajo Nation and to review and continually
13 monitor the programs and activities of federal and state departments and to assist
14 development of such programs designed to serve the Navajo People and the Navajo Nation
15 through intergovernmental relationships between the Navajo Nation and such departments.
16 2 N.N.C. §§ 701(A)(4) and (8).

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18 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

19 A. The Arizona Mutual Aid Compact [Intergovernmental Agreement] between the Navajo
20 Nation, its Division of Public Safety, and the State of Arizona and its Department of
21 Emergency and Military Affairs, was approved and authorized in 2013 for ten (10) years
22 by Resolution No. BFF-01-13, attached as **Exhibit 1**.

23 B. The intent and purpose of the Intergovernmental Agreement is to provide voluntary mutual
24 aid in the event of disasters or emergencies within each party's jurisdiction. **Exhibit 1**.

25 C. Per its terms, the Intergovernmental Agreement expires on March 11, 2023.

26 D. The Navajo Nation finds it to be in the best interest of the Navajo People and the health,
27 safety and welfare of its citizens to extend the Intergovernmental Agreement for two (2)
28 years to provide the parties time to re-negotiate a new Arizona Mutual Aid Compact.

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30 **SECTION THREE. APPROVALS**

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- A. The Navajo Nation hereby approves a two (2) year extension, attached herein as **Exhibit 2**, to the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact between the Navajo Nation, its Division of Public Safety and the State of Arizona and its Department of Emergency and Military Affairs.
- B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the President of the Navajo Nation, Director of the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety, and Navajo Nation Attorney General to execute and effectuate the two-year extension to the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact attached as **Exhibit 2**.