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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services, Law and Order, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees; Approving and Authorizing the Mutual Aid [Intergovernmental] Agreement Between the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety, Navajo Police Department and the City of Page, Arizona

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0045-23

DATE: March 9, 2023

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, LAW AND ORDER, BUDGET AND FINANCE, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MUTUAL AID [INTERGOVERNMENTAL] AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NAVAJO NATION DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY, NAVAJO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF PAGE, ARIZONA

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, will approve and authorize the mutual aid agreement between the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety, Navajo Police Department and the City of Page, Arizona.

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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Health Education & Human Services Committee
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Law & Order Committee
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Budget & Finance Committee
Thence
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2023

INTRODUCED BY



(Prime Sponsor)

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[INTERGOVERNMENTAL] AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NAVAJO
NATION DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY, NAVAJO POLICE
DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF PAGE, ARIZONA

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 164(A), intergovernmental agreements must be reviewed and approved by resolutions by the appropriate standing committee(s) and the Navajo Nation Council except as otherwise provided herein.
- B. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§ 400(C)(1) and 401(B)(6)(a), the Navajo Nation established the Health, Education and Human Services Committee as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with the enumerated power to review and recommend legislation relating to health, human services and general governmental services.
- C. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§ 600(C) and 601(B)(1)(a), the Navajo Nation established the Law and Order Committee as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council empowered

1 to provide oversight over law enforcement and with the enumerated power to support
2 effective cooperation and coordination between Navajo Nation law enforcement agencies
3 and that of various states and federal government law enforcement agencies. The Law
4 and Order Committee was also delegated the enumerated power to grant approval for
5 agreements negotiated by justice systems entities, administrative legal tribunals and
6 public safety programs with other federal, state, international, tribal, regional, and local
7 governmental agencies, subject to Naabik'iyáti' Committee approval when required by
8 law.

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

17 E. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§ 701(A)(4) and (8), the Naabik'iyáti' Committee was established
18 as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council empowered to coordinate all
19 federal, county and state programs with other standing committees and branches of the
20 Navajo Nation government to provide the most efficient delivery of services to the
21 Navajo Nation and to review and continually monitor the programs and activities of
22 federal and state departments and to assist development of such programs designed to
23 serve the Navajo People and the Navajo Nation through intergovernmental relationships
24 between the Navajo Nation and such departments.

25 26 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

27 A. The Mutual Aid [Intergovernmental] Agreement between the Navajo Nation Division of
28 Public Safety, Navajo Police Department and the City of Page, Arizona ("Agreement"),
29 attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, is entered into pursuant to Navajo Nation and State of
30 Arizona laws and is predicated on a government to government relationship between the

1 Navajo Nation and the City of Page.

2 B. The intent and purpose of the Agreement is to provide cooperative law enforcement
3 operations and voluntary mutual aid in the event of disasters or emergencies within each
4 party's jurisdiction, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

5 C. The Agreement has been reviewed by the Navajo Nation Department of Justice and
6 determined to be legally sufficient, attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

7 D. The Navajo Nation finds it to be in the best interest of the Navajo People, and the health,
8 safety and welfare of its citizens within and near the City of Page to enter into the Mutual
9 Aid [Intergovernmental] Agreement between the Navajo Nation Division of Public
10 Safety, Navajo Police Department and the City of Page, Arizona, attached hereto as
11 **Exhibit A**.

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13 **SECTION THREE. APPROVALS**

14 A. The Navajo Nation hereby approves the Mutual Aid [Intergovernmental] Agreement
15 between the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety, Navajo Police Department and the
16 City of Page, Arizona, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

17 B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the President of the Navajo Nation, Division
18 Director of the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety, Chief of Police of the Navajo
19 Police Department and Navajo Nation Attorney General to execute and effectuate the
20 Mutual Aid [Intergovernmental] Agreement between the Navajo Nation Division of
21 Public Safety, Navajo Police Department and the City of Page, Arizona, attached hereto
22 as **Exhibit A**.