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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0107-23

DATE: May 16, 2023

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPROVING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT, RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE PROTECTION SERVICES PROGRAM

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, will enact certain amendments to the Plan of Operation for the Office of the President and Vice-President relating to the Executive Protective Services Program.

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

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1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
2 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - First Year, 2023

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12 CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE
13 OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT, RELATING
14 TO THE EXECUTIVE PROTECTION SERVICES PROGRAM

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16 **BE IT ENACTED:**

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18 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

19 The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council that
20 oversees the operations of Navajo Nation government entities not specifically under the
21 oversight of other standing committees, which includes the Navajo Nation Office of the
22 President and Vice-President. 2 N.N.C. §701(A)(2). This authority includes the power to
23 approve and amend the Plans of Operation for Navajo Nation offices that the Naabik'iyáti'
24 Committee oversees.

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26 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

27 A. The Plan of Operation for the Office of the President and Vice-President ("OP/VP") has not
28 been updated in nearly 30 years; thus, it is overdue for an update. A copy of the original Plan
29 of Operation, along with the approving Resolution of the former Government Services
30 Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, is attached hereto as **EXHIBIT A.**

1 B. The current Nygren-Montoya Administration at the OP/VP has determined that, while it
2 would be ideal to have formally certified officers in the Executive Protection Services
3 Program, this has not occurred because there are not enough certified officers available to
4 serve the Navajo Nation.

5 C. Given the lack of available certified officers on the Navajo Nation, the requirement for
6 certified officers serving in the Executive Protection Services Program should be removed.

7 D. Removal of this requirement will allow for flexibility in hiring needed staff at OP/VP. The
8 staff will be thoroughly trained in security measures, and can adequately serve in the EPS
9 Program without formal certification. The EPS Program can always hire certified officers
10 when the opportunity arises, and EPS can coordinate with the Navajo Nation Department of
11 Public Safety to obtain certified officers, if necessary.

12 E. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee has determined that it is in the best interest of the Navajo
13 Nation to approve the amendments to the OP/VP's Plan of Operation, as shown in the
14 attached **EXHIBIT B**.

15 F. A copy of the strikethrough/underlined version of the amendments is attached hereto as
16 **EXHIBIT C**.

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18 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL OF AMENDED PLAN OF OPERATION**

19 The Naabik'iyáti' Committee hereby approves the amended Plan of Operation for the Navajo
20 Nation Office of the President and Vice-President, as shown in the attached **EXHIBIT B**.

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22 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

23 This Action shall become effective in accordance with 2 N.N.C. §701(A)(2) and 2 N.N.C.
24 §221(C).

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26 **SECTION FIVE. SAVING CLAUSE**

27 If any provision of this Action is determined invalid by the Supreme Court of the Navajo
28 Nation, or by a Navajo Nation District Court without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme
29 Court, the remainder of this Action shall be the law of the Navajo Nation.