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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee, The Law and Order Committee, and the Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Appointing Members to the Missing Murdered Diné Relatives Task Force Per NABIN-36-22

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET
Tracking No. 0129-23

DATE: June 6, 2023

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE, AND THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE MISSING MURDERED DINÉ RELATIVES TASK FORCE PER NABIN-36-22

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, appoints members to the Missing Murdered Dine Relatives Task Force per NABIN-36-22.

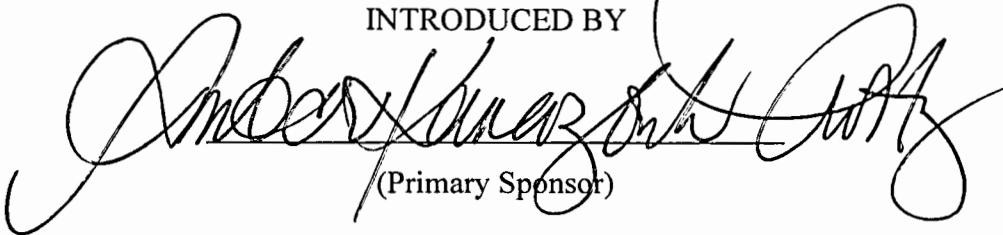
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1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - First Year, 2023

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12 COMMITTEE, THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE, AND THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'
13 COMMITTEE; APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE MISSING MURDERED DINÉ
14 RELATIVES TASK FORCE PER NABIN-36-22

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16 BE IT ENACTED:

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18 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- 19 A. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§ 400(A) and 401(B)(1), the Health, Education and Human Services
20 Committee is established as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and is
21 empowered “[t]o establish Navajo Nation policy, promulgate rules, and regulations
22 governing health, social services, education, human services, and general government
23 services of the Navajo Nation and its tribal organizations, entities, and enterprises.”
24 B. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 600 et all, the Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of
25 the Navajo Nation Council and has the power to review and make recommendations to the
26 Navajo Nation Council regarding matters involving their oversight authority.
27 C. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council that
28 serves as the oversight committee for task forces under the Legislative Branch of the Navajo
29 Nation government, unless otherwise designated by Navajo Nation law, and to approve and
30 amend the plans of operation thereof. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700(A) and 701(A)(5).

- 1 D. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is also empowered to coordinate all federal, county and state
2 programs with other standing committees and branches of the Navajo Nation government to
3 provide the most effective delivery of services to the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 701(A)(4).
- 4 E. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is further empowered with the authority to delegate its
5 authority as appropriate for efficiency and streamlining of government process to appropriate
6 entities. 2 N.N.C. § 701(B).
- 7 F. In 2022, the Naabik'iyáti' Committee passed resolution NABIN-36-22, attached as **Exhibit**
8 **A**, establishing the Nabbik'iyati' Missing Murdered Dine Relatives Task force.

9 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

10 A. In Resolution No. NABIN-36-22, attached as **Exhibit A**, the Navajo Nation established
11 the Nabbik'iyati' Missing and Murdered Dine Relatives Task force, and provided for
12 twelve (12) sitting members of the Task Force, as follows:

- 13 1. A representative from the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation
14 Council;
- 15 2. A representative from the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of
16 the Navajo Nation Council;
- 17 3. A representative from the Law and Order Committee of the Navajo Nation
18 Council;
- 19 4. A representative from the Office of the Speaker who is selected by the Speaker
20 of the Navajo Nation Council;
- 21 5. A representative from the Office of the President and Vice-President who is
22 selected by the President of the Navajo Nation;
- 23 6. A representative from the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch who is selected by the
24 Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation;
- 25 7. The Chief of the Navajo Nation Police Department or the Chief's designee;
- 26 8. The Chief Prosecutor of the Navajo Nation or the Chief's designee;
- 27 9. The Chief Public Defender or the Chief's designee; and
- 28 10. Three representatives from Navajo Nation communities who have extensive
29 experience and knowledge of missing and murdered Diné relatives. Such
30 community representatives shall be selected by a majority vote of all sitting

1 MMDR Task Force members.

2 **SECTION THREE. APPOINTMENT**

3 A. The three (3) members of the 25th Navajo Nation Council to represent the Naabik'íyáti'
4 Committee, Health, Education, and Human Services Committee, and Law and Order
5 Committee are:

- 6 1. _____, representing the Naabik'íyáti' Committee
7 2. _____, representing the Health, Education, and Human
8 Services Committee
9 3. _____, representing the Law and Order Committee

10 B. The Speaker has selected Ms. Sonlatsa Jim to be the representative from the Office of the
11 Speaker, as identified in **Exhibit B**.

12 C. The President has selected John L. Tsoosie to be the representative from the Office of the
13 President and Vice-President, as identified in **Exhibit C**.

14 D. The Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation has selected Laveena Begay to be the
15 representative from the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch, as identified in **Exhibit D**.

16 E. The Naabik'íyáti' representative shall be the Chairperson of the MMDR Task Force, as
17 stated in resolution NABIN-36-22.

18 F. The MMDR Task Force shall establish regular meeting day(s) of the month and shall set
19 special meetings as needed.

20 G. No later than sixty (60) days after their first meeting, the Task Force shall establish a
21 process to select the three (3) representatives from Navajo communities to complete the
22 membership of the MMDR Task Force. Per NABIN-36-22, the Navajo Nation
23 community members are to have extensive experience and knowledge of missing and
24 murdered Dine relatives and be selected by a majority vote of the nine (9) established
25 members.

26 **SECTION FOUR. TASK FORCE TERM**

27 Per NABIN-36-22, the MMDR Task Force members shall serve in their positions until
28 the next Navajo Nation Council is seated. MMDR Task Force members may be removed
29 for lack of attendance by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all sitting Task Force members.