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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0154-23

DATE: July 17, 2023

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO ESTABLISH A POST OFFICE IN THE TORREON/STAR LAKE CHAPTER

PURPOSE: The purpose of this proposed resolution is request the USPS open a post office at Torreon/Star Lake Chapter.

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

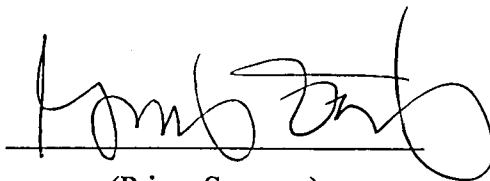
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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2023
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AN ACTION
RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; REQUESTING THE
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO ESTABLISH A POST OFFICE IN
THE TORREON/STAR LAKE CHAPTER

WHEREAS:

1. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and empowered the Committee, as a matter of policy, to review and continually monitor the programs and activities of federal and state departments and to assist development of such programs designed to serve the Navajo People and the Navajo Nation through intergovernmental relationships between the Navajo Nation and such departments. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 700(A), and 701 (A)(7).
2. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the United States of America. Treaty of 1868, Aug. 12, 1868, 15 Stat. 667.
3. Rural Navajo communities have limited access to telecommunication services and community members rely heavily on receiving mail and packages through the U.S. Postal Service, but over the last century, if not longer, Navajo communities have endured insufficient and substandard postal services, particularly in those areas of the

1 reservation where postal delivery services are limited to regional convenience stores
2 via a “highway contract” which requires non-standard addressing.

3 4. In its recently released the Delivering for America Plan (the “Plan”), attached as
4 **Exhibit A**, the United States Postal Services (“USPS”) noted that its “basic mission is
5 to provide prompt, reliable, and efficient mail and package shipping services to all
6 Americans – regardless of where they live – and at affordable rates.” **Exhibit A** at
7 page 4.

8 5. The USPS Postmaster General and the Chairperson of the USPS Board of Governors
9 jointly indicated that the Plan will “dramatically improve service through strategies
10 aligned to the changing needs of our customers [and] will optimize our mail and
11 package processing capabilities, improve the technology and oversight of our surface
12 logistics network, realign service standards to enable the best use of our
13 transportation and processing networks, strengthen our delivery network, promote
14 measurable operating excellence, modernize vehicles and infrastructure, revitalize our
15 post offices, enable long-term postal careers for employees, and innovate solutions
16 and services for customers.” **Exhibit A** at page 3.

17 6. As Navajo communities grow, full postal services, including but not limited to brick-
18 and-mortar post offices, are desperately needed to provide adequate postal delivery
19 services to the Navajo populace; postal services that provide *all* that is promised in
20 the Plan.

21 7. The Torreon/Star Lake Chapter community, for example, is specifically requesting
22 the United States Postal Service establish a Post Office, as provided in Torreon/Star
23 Lake Chapter Resolution, TSL #06/2023-59, attached as **Exhibit B**.
24 Torreon/Star/Lake Chapter has indicated space is available for this initiative.

25 8. The Navajo People deserve to know that the USPS has recognized the substandard
26 postal services currently provided at the 110 chapters located throughout the Navajo
27 Nation and how the Plan will upgrade and improve those services at each of the
28 chapters.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Navajo Nation hereby requests the United States Postal Service establish a post office in the Torreon/Star Lake Chapter.