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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0267-23

**DATE: December 13, 2023**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; AMENDING NABIN-36-22, ESTABLISHING THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' MISSING AND MURDERED DINÉ RELATIVES TASK FORCE**

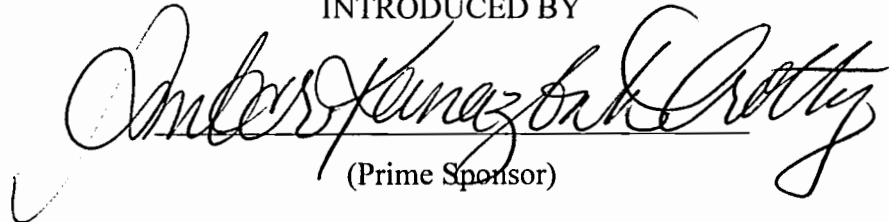
**PURPOSE:** This resolution, if approved, will amend NABIN-36-22, and add the Director of Criminal Investigation as a member of the MMDR Task Force.

**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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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2023

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(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0267-23

**AN ACTION**  
**RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; AMENDING NABIN-36-22, ESTABLISHING THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' MISSING AND MURDERED DINÉ RELATIVES TASK FORCE**

BE IT ENACTED:

**SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- A. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and is empowered to serve as the oversight committee for task forces under the Legislative Branch of the Navajo Nation government, unless otherwise designated by Navajo Nation law, and to approve and amend the plans of operation thereof. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700(A) and 701(A)(5).
- B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is also empowered to coordinate all federal, county and state programs with other standing committees and branches of the Navajo Nation government to provide the most effective delivery of services to the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 701(A)(4).
- C. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is further empowered with the authority to delegate its authority as appropriate for efficiency and streamlining of government process to appropriate entities. 2 N.N.C. § 701(B).

1 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

2 A. Resolution NABIN-36-22, attached as **Exhibit A**, established the Missing and  
3 Murdered Diné Relatives Task Force and requires amendments to be approved by the  
4 Naabik'iyáti' Committee.

5 B. The Navajo Nation established the Missing and Murdered Diné Relatives (“MMDR”)  
6 Task Force to coordinate a dynamic holistic approach to help combat the missing and  
7 murdered Diné Relatives crises on and off the Navajo Nation with representatives from  
8 all three Branches of the Navajo Nation government, as well as community member  
9 representatives.

10 C. Currently, the MMDR Task Force consists of twelve members who regularly meet  
11 twice a month.

12 D. The MMDR Task Force is delegated the authority to implement and accomplish the  
13 following:

- 14 1. The MMDR Task Force shall conduct a study to determine how to increase  
15 resources for reporting and identifying missing and murdered Diné relatives  
16 on and off the Navajo Nation.
  - 17 2. The MMDR Task Force shall collaborate with programs, departments and  
18 entities within the Navajo Nation and federal and state agencies to  
19 determine the scope of the missing and murdered Diné relatives crisis,  
20 identify barriers to address the crisis and create partnerships to improve the  
21 reporting of and the investigation of missing and murdered Diné relatives.
  - 22 3. The MMDR Task Force may collaborate with programs and departments  
23 within the state and federal government to improve MMDR's processes for  
24 information sharing and coordination of resources regarding reporting and  
25 investigating cases of missing and murdered Diné relatives.
  - 26 4. The MMDR Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to  
27 the Naabik'iyáti' Committee and the Office of the President and Vice-  
28 President at the end of the second and fourth quarters of each Navajo Nation  
29 fiscal year.
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1 E. The amendment to Resolution NABIN-36-22 proposed herein changes the membership  
2 of the MMDR Task Force from twelve to thirteen members, adding the Director of  
3 Criminal Investigation as a member to assist in implementing and accomplishing the  
4 purposes of the Task Force.

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6 **SECTION THREE. AMENDMENT TO NABIN-36-22**

7 The Navajo Nation hereby amends NABIMY-32-15 as follows:  
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10 **SECTION THREE. ESTABLISHING THE MISSING AND MURDERED DINÉ**  
11 **RELATIVES TASK FORCE**

12 A. The MMDR Task Force shall consist of ~~twelve~~ thirteen (13) members as follows:

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

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4 **SECTION FOUR. APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO NABIN-36-22**

5 The Navajo Nation hereby approves the amendment to NABIN-36-22, *Establishing the*  
6 *Naabik'iyáti' Missing and Murdered Diné Relatives Task Force*, to add the Director of  
7 Criminal Investigations.

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9 **SECTION FIVE. EFFECTIVE DATE**

10 The provisions of this legislation shall become effective in accordance with 2 N.N.C. §  
11 221(C).