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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0029-24

DATE: January 31, 2024

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION BURIAL AND CEMETERY REGULATIONS

PURPOSE: The purpose of the resolution is to approve the Navajo Nation Burial and Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

Final Authority: Resources and Development Committee

Vote Required: Simple Majority

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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1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Second Year, 2024

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10 AN ACTION

11 RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; APPROVING
12 THE NAVAJO NATION BURIAL AND CEMETERY REGULATIONS

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14 BE IT ENACTED:

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16 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- 17 A. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council shall
18 exercise oversight authority over land and community development and to oversee
19 regulation of activities on Navajo Nation lands for surface disturbance. 2 N.N.C. §§
20 500(C) and 500(C) (2).
21 B. The Resources and Development Committee shall create rules and regulations intended
22 to ensure the safety and beautification of cemeteries on the Navajo Nation. 13 N.N.C.
23 § 1952; CD-73-22.

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25 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

26 On December 30, 2022, the Navajo Nation Council updated the Navajo Nation Code,
27 Title 13, Chapter 11 regarding burials. The Navajo Nation President signed Resolution
28 CD-73-22 on January 6, 2022. This update to the burial provisions of Title 13 Health
29 and Welfare Code tasked the Resources and Development Committee to approve
30 Navajo Nation Burial and Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

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SECTION THREE. APPROVAL OF NAVAJO NATION BURIAL AND CEMETERY REGULATIONS

The Navajo Nation hereby approves the Navajo Nation Burial and Cemetery Rules and Regulations attached as **Exhibit A**.

SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE

The Action enacted herein shall be effective upon its approval pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 189(A).

SECTION SIX. SAVING CLAUSE

Should any provision of this Act be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation, without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, those portions of this Action, which are not determined invalid, shall remain the law of the Navajo Nation.