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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee, the Resource and Development Committee, the Budget and Finance Committee, the Law and Order Committee, the Naabik'iyáti' Committee and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending Rule 9(A) of the Rules of Order for Standing Committees of the Navajo Nation Council

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PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Second Year, 2024



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AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE, THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING RULE 9(A) OF THE RULES OF ORDER FOR STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §400(A).
- B. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §500(A).
- C. The Budget and Finance Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §300(A).
- D. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §600(A).
- E. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation

1 standing committee. All proposed legislation that requires final action by the Navajo
2 Nation Council, shall be assigned to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(9),
3 §700(A).

4 F. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation with the authority
5 to promulgate rules, regulations and procedures for the conduct of its meetings and that of
6 its standing committees. 2 N.N.C. §102(A), §102(E).

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8 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

9 A. Rule 9(A) of the Rules of Order for Standing Committees of the Navajo Nation Council, as
10 amended most recently in Resolution No. CJY-26-19, provides for “Reading of
11 Legislation[.]”

12 B. In order to promote efficiency during standing committee meetings, the reading of
13 legislation required in Rule 9(A) should be limited to one mandatory reading only, with a
14 second reading of legislation conducted only if so directed by the Chairperson of the
15 standing committee.

16 C. Pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Order for Standing Committees of the Navajo Nation
17 Council, amendments to the Rules “shall become effective upon adoption by the Navajo
18 Nation Council, or at such time as may be specified by the Navajo Nation Council.”

19 D. The Navajo Nation hereby finds that it is appropriate to amend Rule 9(A) for the reasons
20 stated herein.

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22 **SECTION THREE. AMENDING RULE 9(A) OF THE RULES OF ORDER FOR**
23 **STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE NAVAJO NATION**
24 **COUNCIL**

25 The Navajo Nation Council hereby amends Rule 9(A) of the Rules of Order for Standing
26 Committees of the Navajo Nation Council, as follows:

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28 **RULES OF ORDER**
29 **FOR STANDING COMMITTEES**
30 **OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

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2 **Rule 9. Reading of Legislation:**

3 A. All Each legislations shall be made a part of the official record of the
4 Standing Committee that possesses assigned as the final approval
5 authority over such legislation pursuant to that Standing Committee's
6 authority under the relevant section(s) of Title 2, under 2 N.N.C.
7 §164(A)(6) and Each legislation shall be read into the record twice, at
8 least once, and said The first reading shall be of the legislation and
9 reference the attached exhibits. reading shall include, verbatim, the
10 legislation in its entirety. Any exhibits to the legislation shall be merely
11 described or summarized, unless the Standing Committee Chairperson
12 requests a verbatim reading of any exhibit. After the motion to adopt,
13 debate and amendment, if any, After debate ceases and before a final
14 vote is held on the legislation, a second reading shall may be conducted
15 upon request by the Chairperson. At the Chairperson's discretion, The
16 second reading shall may be limited to only to those provisions or
17 sections of the legislation which have been amended. All readings shall
18 be performed by the designated Office of Legislative Services personnel
19 staff member who is assigned to the Standing Committee or by via
20 electronic voice recording.

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23 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

24 This Action shall be effective pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Order for Standing
25 Committees of the Navajo Nation Council.

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27 **SECTION FIVE. SAVING CLAUSE**

28 If any provision of this Action is determined invalid by the Navajo Supreme Court, or by a
29 Navajo Nation District Court without appeal to the Navajo Supreme Court, those provisions of
30 this Action not determined invalid shall remain the law of the Navajo Nation.