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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0077-24

DATE: April 5, 2024

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPROVING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE NAVAJO NATION WASHINGTON OFFICE

PURPOSE: If adopted, this legislation will amend the Navajo Nation Washington Office's ("NNWO") Plan of Operation to clarify that the NNWO operates under the legislative oversight of the Naabik'íyáti Committee.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Naabik'íyáti' 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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2 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Second Year, 2024

3 Introduced by:

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6 Primary Sponsor



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10 AN ACTION
11 RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPROVING
12 CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE
13 NAVAJO NATION WASHINGTON OFFICE

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15 **BE IT ENACTED:**

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17 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

18 The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council
19 that oversees the operations of Navajo Nation government entities not specifically
20 under the oversight of other standing committees, which includes the Navajo Nation
21 Washington Office. 2 N.N.C. §701(A)(2). This authority includes the power to approve
22 and amend the Plans of Operation for Navajo Nation offices that the Naabik'iyáti'
23 Committee oversees.

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25 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

26 A. The Navajo Nation Washington Office ("NNWO") was established within the
27 Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation government as an intergovernmental
28 relations office. 2 N.N.C. § 1150.

- 1 B. The NNWO's Plan of Operation has not been updated since 2013 when the Navajo
2 Nation Council adopted the Title Two Reform Act of 2012. CJA-03-13 (overriding
3 the presidential veto of CO-45-12)
- 4 C. The Title Two Reform Act of 2012 and changed the NNWO's legislative oversight
5 from the former Government Services Committee to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee.
6 CJA-03-13 (overriding the presidential veto of CO-45-12), Section 5 (A)
7 ("References in the Navajo Nation Code and other official documents to the
8 Government Services Committee and Intergovernmental Relations Committee
9 shall mean the Naabik'iyáti' Committee unless the amendments enacted herein or
10 the context of previous law indicates otherwise.").
- 11 D. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee has determined that it is in the best interest of the
12 Navajo Nation to approve the amendments to the Navajo Nation Washington
13 Office's Plan of Operation as set forth below and in attached **EXHIBIT A**.

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15 **SECTION THREE. AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE NAVAJO**
16 **NATION WASHINGTON OFFICE'S PLAN OF OPERATION**

- 17 A. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee hereby amends 2 N.N.C. §§ 1154 and 1155 as set
18 forth below and in **Exhibit A**:

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20 **§ 1154. Legislative oversight**

21 The Navajo Nation Washington Office shall operate under the legislative
22 oversight of the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council
23 pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A) ~~Government Services Committee of the~~
24 ~~Navajo Nation Council pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 343.~~

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26 **§ 1155. Amendments**

27 This plan of operation may be amended by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of
28 the Navajo Nation Council pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A). ~~Government~~
29 ~~Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §~~
30 ~~343 (B)(2).~~

1 B. The Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation Washington Office as amended
2 herein, shall supersede the previous Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation
3 Washington Office approved by Resolution No. GSCJY-14-08.
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5 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

6 This Action shall become effective in accordance with 2 N.N.C. §701(A)(2) and 2
7 N.N.C. §221(C).
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9 **SECTION FIVE. SAVING CLAUSE**

10 If any provision of this Action is determined invalid by the Supreme Court of the
11 Navajo Nation, or by a Navajo Nation District Court without appeal to the Navajo
12 Nation Supreme Court, the remainder of this Action shall be the law of the Navajo
13 Nation.
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