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TITLE: An Action Relating to Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Approving and Accepting an Intellectual Property Donation from Jerome Tsosie, Owner and CEO of Native Innovation, Inc., Valued at \$175,000, to the Navajo Nation Library

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0097-24

DATE: May 1, 2024

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND ACCEPTING AN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DONATION FROM JEROME TSOSIE, OWNER AND CEO OF NATIVE INNOVATION, INC., VALUED AT \$175,000, TO THE NAVAJO NATION LIBRARY

PURPOSE: This proposed resolution is an acceptance of an intellectual property donation by Jerome Tsosie, Owner and CEO of Native Innovations, Inc.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Naabik'iyáti' Committee

VOTE REQUIREMENT: 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

3 Introduced by:

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5 (Prime Sponsor)

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10 AN ACTION

11 RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND
12 ACCEPTING AN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DONATION FROM JEROME
13 TSOSIE, OWNER AND CEO OF NATIVE INNOVATION, INC., VALUED AT
14 \$175,000, TO THE NAVAJO NATION LIBRARY

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17 BE IT ENACTED:

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19 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 20 A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council
21 standing committee. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A).
- 22 B. The President of the Navajo Nation shall, for and on behalf of the Navajo Nation, accept
23 or decline gifts of property, provided that any such acceptance or refusal of a gift of an
24 estimated value in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) shall be with the concurrence
25 of the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 1010.
- 26 C. All public officials, elected and non-elected, of the Navajo Nation receiving gifts, whether
27 intended as a gift to the official or to the Navajo Nation, shall record or cause to be
28 recorded such gift with the Ethics and Rules Office." 2 N.N.C. § 1012.
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1 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 2 A. The Navajo Nation Library received a donation of intellectual property, valued at
3 \$175,000 from Jerome Tsosie, Owner and CEO, of Native Innovations. The letter from
4 Mr. Tsosie to the Navajo Nation, dated March 7, 2024, advising of the donation and its
5 value is attached as **Exhibit A**.
- 6 B. Native Innovations, Inc.'s intellectual property donation consists of the Navajo Dictionary
7 App and Navajo Alphabet Keyboard. This donation aligns with efforts to revitalize the
8 Navajo language and will assist learners with Navajo language acquisition.
- 9 C. The President of the Navajo Nation accepted the donation on behalf of the Navajo Nation
10 in a letter dated March 21, 2024, which is attached as **Exhibit B**.
- 11 D. The Navajo Department of Justice reviewed the documents and determined that they were
12 legally sufficient. This review is attached as **Exhibit C**.
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14 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

- 15 A. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby concurs with the
16 President of the Navajo Nation to accept the intellectual property donation from Jerome
17 Tsosie of Native Innovations, Inc.
- 18 B. The Navajo Nation Library shall record the receipt of the donation with the Ethics and
19 Rules Office pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1012.
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21 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

22 This Action shall become effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 189 (A).

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