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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Confirming the Speaker's Appointment of Kenneth Cooper to the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission as a Commissioner with a Backgrounds in Business**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0043-25

**DATE:** April 7, 2025

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE SPEAKER'S APPOINTMENT OF KENNETH COOPER TO THE NAVAJO NATION HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AS A COMMISSIONER WITH A BACKGROUND IN BUSINESS**

**PURPOSE:** This proposed resolution will appoint Mr. Kenneth Cooper as the Business Commissioner to the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission.

**FINAL AUTHORITY:** Naabik'iyáti' Committee

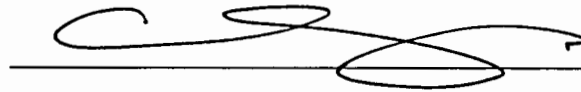
**VOTING REQUIREMENT:** Simple Majority

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 25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Third Year, 2025

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14 BACKGROUND IN BUSINESS

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16 BE IT ENACTED:

17 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 18 A. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is established as a Standing Committee of the Navajo Nation  
19 Council. 2 N.N.C. § 700.  
20 B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee has the authority to approve and confirm appointments of  
21 Commissioners by the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, to the Navajo Nation Human  
22 Rights Commission. 2 N.N.C. § 922 (A).

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24 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- 25 A. The Commissioners of the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission (NNHRC) shall be  
26 appointed by the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council and confirmed by the Naabik'iyáti'  
27 Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 922 (A).  
28 B. The Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission shall consist of five commissioners  
29 with reputable and established backgrounds in the fields of education, business, law  
30 enforcement, and social services. 2 N.N.C. § 922 (A).

1 C. The NNHRC commissioners shall each serve a four-year term pursuant to the NNHRC Plan  
2 of Operation as approved by Navajo Nation Council Resolution No. CJN-15-08. Whenever  
3 a vacancy occurs on the Commission, the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall appoint  
4 a new qualified member. NNHRC Plan of Operation, at Section IV-B, Organization/Term  
5 of Office.

6 D. The Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, by letter attached as **Exhibit A**, has appointed  
7 Mr. Kenneth Cooper to the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission.

8 E. Mr. Cooper has a reputable and established background in business, one of the four  
9 background subjects identified in 2 N.N.C. § 922 (A). Mr. Cooper's letter of interest and  
10 resumé are attached as **Exhibit B**.

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12 **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMATION OF COMMISSIONER WITH**  
13 **BACKGROUND IN BUSINESS**

14 The Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms the  
15 appointment of Mr. Kenneth Cooper as a Commissioner on the Navajo Nation Human  
16 Rights Commission, with background in business, for a term of four (4) years beginning  
17 upon certification of this resolution.