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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0068-25

DATE: April 29, 2025

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this proposed resolution is to confirm the appointment of Ms. Mae-Gilene Begay to the Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Navajo Nation Council

VOTING REQUIREMENT: Simple Majority

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17 **BE IT ENACTED:**

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19 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- 20 A. The Navajo Nation Council established the Committee as a Navajo Nation Council
21 standing 2 N.N.C. § 700 (A).
22 B. The Naabik'iyati' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council exercises legislative
23 oversight of the Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission. 2 N.N.C. § 3583;
24 CAP-14-15.
25 C. The Naabik'iyati' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §
26 164(A) (9), reviews proposed legislation which requires final action by the Navajo
27 Nation Council.
28 D. The Navajo Nation Council appoints the six (6) commission members representing
29 the six Abandoned Uranium Mines (AUM), Northern, North Central, Eastern,
30 Southern, Western and Central. NABIJN-44-24

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2 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 3 A. The Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission was established within
4 the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 3583; CAP-14-15.
- 5 B. The Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission shall consist of seven (7)
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7 of the six Abandoned Uranium Mines (AUM) Regions (as defined by the U.S. EPA)
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11 background in environmental science, environmental justice, engineering, social
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21 Commission member positions. **Exhibit 1**, NABIJN-44-24, Commission Plan of
22 Operation, VIII (3) (c).
- 23 E. "The initial term of the Commission shall be approximately five (5) years. The second
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