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TITLE: An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee; Approving a Lease with the Chinle Unified School District for 18.73 Acres, More or Less, Located within the Chinle Chapter Vicinity, Navajo Nation (Apache County, Arizona)

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0183-25

DATE: July 30, 2025

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; APPROVING A LEASE WITH THE CHINLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 18.73 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED WITHIN THE CHINLE CHAPTER, NAVAJO NATION (APACHE COUNTY, ARIZONA)

PURPOSE: This purpose of this proposed resolution is to approve a lease with the Chinle Unified School District for lands of approximately 18.73 acres for school-related purposes for a term of fifty (50) years.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Resources and Development 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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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Third Year, 2025

Introduced by:



(Prime Sponsor)



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AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE;
APPROVING A LEASE WITH THE CHINLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
FOR 18.73 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED WITHIN THE CHINLE
CHAPTER VICINITY, NAVAJO NATION (APACHE COUNTY, ARIZONA)

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council has the authority to grant final approval for all land withdrawals, non-mineral leases, permits, licenses, rights-of-way, surface easements and bonding requirements on Navajo Nation lands and unrestricted (fee) land. This authority shall include subleases, modifications, assignments, leasehold encumbrances, transfers, renewals, and terminations. 2 N.N.C. § 501(B)(2).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Chinle Unified School District #24 (or the "School District") seeks approval of an updated lease for lands located in the Chinle Chapter of the Navajo Nation Reservation for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating facilities consistent with the principal use of the leased premises for a school, which includes housing for teachers and other individuals necessary for the operation of the School District's educational mission.

1 The lease is being entered into in accordance with the Navajo Nation's General Leasing
2 Regulations found at 16 N.N.C. § 2301 *et seq.* The lease is attached as **Exhibit A**.

3 B. The lease covers 18.73 acres, more or less, as described in the survey map and legal
4 description of the leased premises which are an exhibit to the lease and also herein attached
5 as **Exhibit B**.

6 C. The term of the lease is fifty (50) years. The lease value was assessed by the Navajo Nation
7 Minerals Department and was determined to be \$1,046,145.50 over 50 years. The
8 assessment is attached as **Exhibit C**.

9 D. In accordance with 16 N.N.C. § 2334(F), the School District is seeking a waiver of the lease
10 rental since the lease is for a school and related purposes.

11 E. Documents from the Grazing Official noting there are no grazing permittees for the affected
12 area are attached as **Exhibit D**.

13 F. The General Land Development Department's Environmental Compliance Determination
14 is attached as **Exhibit E**. The Biological Resources Compliance Form is attached **Exhibit**

15 **F**. The Cultural Resources Compliance Form is attached as **Exhibit G**. Additional
16 environmental data is herein attached as **Exhibit H**.

17 G. A supporting resolution from the Chinle Chapter is attached as **Exhibit I**.

18 H. The proposed lease and supporting documentation have been reviewed through Executive
19 Official Review Document Number 022972, which is attached as **Exhibit J**.

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21 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

22 A. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby approves
23 the lease, attached as **Exhibit A**. The location is more particularly described on the survey
24 map attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

25 B. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby
26 authorizes the President of the Navajo Nation to execute any and all documents necessary
27 to affect the intent and purpose of this resolution.
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