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TITLE: An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee; Approving a Lease and Waiving Consideration for Diné College for 3.94 Acres, More or Less, Located within the St. Michaels Vicinity, Navajo Nation (Apache County, Arizona)

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0184-25

DATE: August 6, 2025

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; APPROVING A LEASE AND WAIVING CONSIDERATION FOR DINÉ COLLEGE FOR 3.94 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED WITHIN THE ST. MICHAELS VICINITY, NAVAJO NATION (APACHE COUNTY, ARIZONA)

PURPOSE: This purpose of this proposed resolution is to approve a lease for Diné College for lands of approximately 3.94 acres for school-related purposes for a term of twenty-five years with an option by the lessee to extend the lease an additional two twenty-five-year terms.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Resources and Development Committee

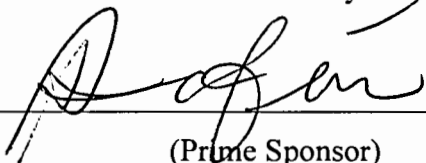
VOTE REQUIRED: Simple Majority

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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1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Third Year, 2025

3 Introduced by:

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6 (Prime Sponsor)

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8 Tracking No. 0184-25

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10 AN ACTION
11 RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE;
12 APPROVING A LEASE AND WAIVING CONSIDERATION FOR DINÉ
13 COLLEGE FOR 3.94 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED WITHIN THE ST.
14 MICHAELS VICINITY, NAVAJO NATION (APACHE COUNTY, ARIZONA)

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16 BE IT ENACTED:

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18 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

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

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26 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

27 A. Diné College seeks approval of a lease for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and
28 operating a college and for all services related to maintaining, operating and supporting
29 the college, including, but not limited to, educational facilities, housing, food service
30 facilities, health facilities, recreational facilities, religious and traditional cultural
 facilities, facilities related to maintaining the physical infrastructure of the college, and

1 installation, operation and maintenance of utility service equipment, for lands located
2 in the Window Rock area (St. Michaels Chapter) of the Navajo Nation Reservation.

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

5 C. The lease covers 3.94 acres, more or less, as described in the survey map and legal
6 description of the leased premises which are an exhibit to the lease and herein attached
7 as **Exhibit B**.

8 D. The term of the lease is twenty-five (25) years with an option for the lessee to renew
9 for two additional twenty-five (25) year terms.

10 E. The lease value was assessed by the Navajo Nation Minerals Department and was
11 determined to total \$109,926.00 over 25 years. The assessment is attached as **Exhibit**
12 **C**.

13 F. In accordance with 16 N.N.C. § 2334(F), Diné College is seeking a waiver of the lease
14 rental since the lease is for a school and related purposes. The lease attached as **Exhibit**
15 **A** provides:

16 5. RENTAL.

17 In consideration of the foregoing and the covenants, agreements, terms and
18 conditions of this Lease, Lessee hereby covenants and agrees to pay Lessor, in
19 lawful money of the United States, an annual rental of: **NONE**. In accordance
20 with the provisions of 16 N.N.C. § 2334(F), only nominal rental is provided for
21 herein because this Lease is for educational purposes.

22 G. The General Land Development Department's Environmental Compliance
23 Determination is attached as **Exhibit D**. The Cultural Resources Compliance Form is
24 attached as **Exhibit E**. The Biological Resources Compliance Form is attached **Exhibit**
25 **F**.

26 H. Encroachment permissions are attached as **Exhibit G**.

27 I. Supporting resolution #DC-MAY-2697-24 from the Diné College Board of Regents is
28 attached as **Exhibit H**.

29 J. The proposed lease and supporting documentation have been reviewed through
30 Executive Official Review Document Number 023692, which is attached as **Exhibit I**.

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SECTION THREE. APPROVAL

- A. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby approves the lease, attached as **Exhibit A**, with a waiver of consideration. The location is more particularly described on the survey map attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.
- B. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby authorizes the President of the Navajo Nation to execute any and all documents necessary to affect the intent and purpose of this resolution.