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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Law and Order and Naabik'iyáti' Committees; Approving and Authorizing the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety, Navajo Police Department and the Arizona Department of Public Safety, a Political Subdivision of the State of Arizona

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0045-26

DATE: February 2, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NAVAJO NATION DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY, NAVAJO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

PURPOSE: This proposed resolution, if approved, is to provide cooperative law enforcement operations and voluntary mutual aid in the event of disasters or emergencies within each party's jurisdiction.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Naabik'iyati' Committee

VOTE REQUIREMENT: Simple Majority

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review the proposed resolution in detail.

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Law & Order Committee
Thence
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2026

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4 Introduced by:

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7 (Prime Sponsor)

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16 ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION
17 OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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19 BE IT ENACTED:

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21 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 22 A. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 164(A), intergovernmental agreements must be reviewed and
23 approved by resolutions by the appropriate standing committee(s) and the Navajo Nation
24 Council except as otherwise provided as described below.
- 25 B. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§ 600(C) and 601(B)(1)(a), the Navajo Nation established the Law
26 and Order Committee as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council empowered
27 to provide oversight over law enforcement services on the Navajo Nation and with the
28 enumerated power to support effective cooperation and coordination with state and
29 federal government law enforcement agencies. The Law and Order Committee is also
30 delegated the enumerated power to grant approval for agreements negotiated by justice

1 systems, administrative legal tribunals and public safety programs with other federal,
2 state, international, tribal, regional, and local governmental agencies, subject to
3 Naabik'iyáti' Committee approval when required by law.

4 C. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 701(4), (7) and (8), the Naabik'iyáti' Committee was established
5 as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council empowered to coordinate all
6 federal, county and state programs with other standing committees and branches of the
7 Navajo Nation government to provide the most efficient delivery of services to the
8 Navajo Nation and to review and continually monitor the programs and activities of
9 federal and state departments and to assist development of such programs designed to
10 serve the Navajo People and the Navajo Nation through intergovernmental relationships
11 between the Navajo Nation and such departments.

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13 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

14 A. The Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”), attached as **Exhibit A**, is being entered into
15 pursuant to Navajo Nation and State of Arizona laws and is between the Navajo Nation
16 Division of Public Safety, Navajo Police Department and Arizona Department of Public
17 Safety, and predicated on the government-to-government relationship between the
18 Navajo Nation and the State of Arizona.

19 B. The intent and purpose of the IGA is to provide cooperative law enforcement operations
20 and voluntary mutual aid in the event of disasters or emergencies within each party's
21 jurisdiction.

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23 **SECTION THREE. APPROVALS**

24 A. The Navajo Nation approves the IGA between the Navajo Nation Division of Public
25 Safety, Navajo Police Department and the Arizona Department of Public Safety, as
26 attached in **Exhibit A**.

27 B. The President of the Navajo Nation, the Division Director of the Navajo Nation Division
28 of Public Safety, the Chief of Police of the Navajo Police Department and the Navajo
29 Nation Attorney General are hereby authorized to execute and effectuate the IGA, as
30 approved.