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**TITLE: An Action to the Law and Order and Naabik'iyáti' Committees;
Approving and Authorizing the Mutual Aid Agreement Between the Navajo Nation
Division of Public Safety, Navajo Nation Police Department and San Juan County
Sheriff's Office, A Political Subdivision of the State of New Mexico**

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0046-25

DATE: February 24, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NAVAJO NATION DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY, NAVAJO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND SAN JUAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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'íyáti' 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
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Naabik'iyáti' Committee

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

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17 MEXICO

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19 BE IT ENACTED:

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21 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

22 A. The Navajo Nation established the Law and Order Committee as a standing committee
23 of the Navajo Nation Council empowered to provide oversight over law enforcement and
24 to support effective cooperation and coordination between Navajo Nation law
25 enforcement agencies and that of various states and federal government law enforcement
26 agencies. The Law and Order Committee is also empowered to grant approval for
27 agreements negotiated by justice systems entities, administrative legal tribunals and
28 public safety programs with other federal, state, international, tribal, regional, and local
29 governmental agencies, subject to Naabik'iyáti' Committee approval when required by
30 law. 2 N.N.C. §§ 600(C) and 601(B)(1)(a),

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

- 11 A. The Mutual Aid Agreement between the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety,
12 Navajo Police Department, and San Juan Sheriff's Office the ("Agreement"), is entered
13 into pursuant to Navajo Nation and State of New Mexico laws and is predicated on a
14 government-to-government relationship between the Navajo Nation and San Juan
15 County. The Mutual Aid Agreement is attached as **Exhibit A**.
- 16 B. The intent and purpose of the Agreement is to provide cooperative law enforcement
17 operations and voluntary mutual aid in the event of disasters or emergencies within each
18 party's jurisdiction.
- 19 C. Navajo Nation Department of Justice reviewed the Agreement and determined it to be
20 legally sufficient. The Department of Justice review is attached as **Exhibit B**.

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22 **SECTION THREE. APPROVALS**

- 23 A. The Navajo Nation approves the Mutual Aid Agreement, as provided in the attached
24 **Exhibit A**, between the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety, Navajo Police
25 Department, and San Juan County Sheriff's Office, a political subdivision of the State of
26 New Mexico.
- 27 B. The Navajo Nation authorizes the President of the Navajo Nation, Division Director of
28 the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety, Chief of Police of the Navajo Police
29 Department and Navajo Nation Attorney General to execute and effectuate the
30 Agreement between the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety, Navajo Police

Department and San Juan County Sheriff's Office.

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