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12 APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO THE NAVAJO-HOPI LAND COMMISSION

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14 **BE IT ENACTED:**

15 **Section One. Authority**

- 16 A. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo
- 17 Nation standing committee. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A).
- 18 B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee approves the Navajo Nation Speaker's appointments
- 19 to the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission. 2 N.N.C. § 852 (A).

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21 **Section Two. Findings**

- 22 A. The Navajo Nation Council established the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission within
- 23 the Legislative Branch. 2 N.N.C. § 851 (A).
- 24 B. The Navajo-Hopi Land Commission's purpose is to "[m]onitor, collect, and update
- 25 information on any and all land use conflicts between the Navajo Nation and the
- 26 Hopi Tribe, and any claimants in and to lands within the area described in the Act
- 27 of June 14, 1934 (48 Stat. 960) [and to] [s]peak and act for the Navajo Nation with
- 28 respect to the land selection and land exchange provisions of P.L. 96-305." 2
- 29 N.N.C. § 851 (B).

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0038-19

DATE: February 12, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: A PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPROVING THE SPEAKER'S APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO THE NAVAJO-HOPI LAND COMMISSION

PURPOSE: The purpose of the resolution is to approve the Speaker's appointment of nine Navajo Nation Council Delegates to serve on the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission. The resolution would approve the appointment of:

1. Honorable Elmer P. Begay
2. Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
3. Honorable Paul Begay
4. Honorable Herman M. Daniels
5. Honorable Vince R. James
6. Honorable Raymond Smith, Jr.
7. Honorable Otto Tso
8. Honorable Thomas Walker, Jr.
9. Honorable Jimmy Yellowhair

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.

1 C. The Speaker shall appoint nine Navajo Nation Council voting members who
2 represent areas affected by the Navajo-Hopi Land Dispute. 2 N.N.C. § 852 (A).

3 D. The Speaker's memorandum appointing nine members to the Navajo-Hopi Land
4 Commission is attached as **Exhibit A**.

5 E. The Navajo-Hopi Land Commission members shall serve at the pleasure of the
6 Naabik'iyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 852 (B) (2).

7 F. The Navajo-Hopi Land Commission members shall serve a term coinciding with
8 their term as Navajo Nation Council Delegates and until their successors are
9 appointed. 2 N.N.C. § 852 (D).

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11 **Section Three. Approving Appointments**

12 The Naabik'iyáti' Committee approves the Speaker's appointments to the Navajo-
13 Hopi Land Commission:

- 14 1. Honorable Elmer P. Begay
- 15 2. Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
- 16 3. Honorable Paul Begay
- 17 4. Honorable Herman M. Daniels
- 18 5. Honorable Vince R. James
- 19 6. Honorable Raymond Smith, Jr.
- 20 7. Honorable Otto Tso
- 21 8. Honorable Thomas Walker, Jr.
- 22 9. Honorable Jimmy Yellowhair