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TITLE: An Action Relating To Health, Education and Human Services Committee, Resources And Development Committee, Budget And Finance Committee, Law And Order Committee, NAABIK'IYATI' Committee And Navajo Nation Council; Amending Rule 8 And Rule 9 Of The Rules Of Order For Standing Committees Of The Navajo Nation Council

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0042-19

DATE: February 19, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING RULE 8 AND RULE 9 OF THE RULES OF ORDER FOR STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to amend Rules 8 and 9 of the Rules of Order for Standing Committees of the Navajo Nation Council by limiting announcements to written announcements, limiting the time for presentation of visiting guests and officials, permitting the reading of legislation into record by voice recording and allowing for the use of a consent schedule.

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 NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—FIRST YEAR, 2019

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RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE,
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, BUDGET AND FINANCE
COMMITTEE, LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING RULE 8 AND RULE 9 OF THE RULES OF
ORDER FOR STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee, among other powers, is authorized "to review and recommend resolutions relating to social services, health, environmental health, education, veterans, and veteran services, employment and labor." 2 N.N.C. §§ 400 (A), 401 (B)(6)(a).

B. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. The Resources and Development Committee, among other powers, is authorized "to promulgate rules and regulations governing transportation, community development, local government units, land acquisitions for the Navajo Nation, environmental protection, and the use,

1 sale, exchange and development of Navajo Nation lands and/or resources,
2 whether held in fee or trust status.” 2 N.N.C. §§ 500 (A), 501 (B) (1).

3 C. The Budget and Finance Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo
4 Nation Council. The Budget and Finance Committee shall exercises oversight
5 authority including but not limited to budget, finance, investment, bonds,
6 contracting, insurance, audits, accounting, taxes, loans, and Chapter budget
7 and finance. ” 2 N.N.C. §§ 300 (A), 300 (C).

8 D. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation
9 Council. The Law and Order Committee, among other powers, is authorized
10 “to review and make recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council on
11 proposed amendments to and enactments to the Navajo Nation Code.” 2
12 N.N.C. §§ 600 (A), 601 (B)(14).

13 E. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik’iyáti’ Committee as a
14 Navajo Nation standing committee. All proposed legislation that requires final
15 action by the Navajo Nation Council, shall be assigned to the Naabik’iyáti’
16 Committee. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A) (9), 700 (A).

17 F. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation and as
18 such has the authority to promulgate rules, regulations and procedures for the
19 conduct of its meetings and that of its committees. 2 N.N.C. §§ 102 (A),(E).

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21 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

22 A. Rule 8 of the Rules of Order for Standing Committees of the Navajo Nation
23 Council, as amended, provides the “Order of Agenda Business[.]”

24 B. Rule 9 of the Rules of Order for Standing Committees of the Navajo Nation
25 Council, as amended, provides for the “Reading of Legislation[.]”

26 C. In order to promote efficiency during standing committee meetings,
27 announcement should be limited to written announcements, the recognition of
28 guests and visiting officials should be limited to two minutes per delegate, the
29 rules should allow for the use of a consent agenda, and the reading of
30 legislation should include the use of electronic voice recording.

1 D. Pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Order for Standing Committees of the
2 Navajo Nation Council, amendments to the Rules "shall become effective
3 upon adoption by the Navajo Nation Council, or at such time as may be
4 specified by the Navajo Nation Council."

5 E. The Navajo Nation hereby finds that it is appropriate to amend Rules 8 and 9
6 for the reasons stated herein.

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8 **SECTION THREE. AMENDING RULE 8 OF THE RULES OF ORDER FOR**
9 **STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

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11 The Navajo Nation Council hereby amends Rule 8 of the Rules of Order for
12 Standing Committees of the Navajo Nation Council, as amended, as follows:

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14 **RULES OF ORDER**
15 **FOR STANDING COMMITTEES**
16 **OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

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18 **Rule 8. Order of Agenda Business:**

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20 A. The Order of Agenda Business for all Committee meetings shall be as follows:

- 21 1. Call meeting to Order; Roll Call; Invocation; Written Announcements
- 22 2. Recognize Guests and Visiting Officials (limit 2 minutes per Delegate)
- 23 3. Review and Adopt Agenda
- 24 4. Review and Adopt Journal
- 25 5. Receive Reports
- 26 6. Old Business
- 27 7. New Business
- 28 8. Close of Meeting; Announcements; Adjournment

29 B. The Chairperson of the Standing Committee shall prepare and submit a
30 proposed agenda to the Committee for review and final adoption. The agenda

1 shall allow for the inclusion of a consent schedule which is a listing of resolutions
2 that will likely be approved by unanimous consent of the Delegates in attendance.
3 The consent schedule shall be developed by the Chairperson upon request by any
4 Delegate with appropriate exhibits, reports, and other matters available for review
5 prior to the meeting. Items shall be removed from the consent schedule on the
6 request of any one committee member for any reason without debate. Items not
7 removed shall be adopted by unanimous consent without amendments or debate.
8 Removed items may be taken up either immediately after the consent schedule or
9 placed later on the agenda at the discretion of the committee.

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12 **SECTION FOUR. AMENDING RULE 9 OF THE RULES OF ORDER FOR STANDING**
13 **COMMITTEES OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

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15 The Navajo Nation Council hereby amends Rule 9 of the Rules of Order for
16 Standing Committees of the Navajo Nation Council, as amended, as follows:

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18 **RULES OF ORDER**
19 **FOR STANDING COMMITTEES**
20 **OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

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22 **Rule 9. Reading of Legislation:**

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24 A. All legislations shall be made a part of the official record of the Standing Committee
25 assigned as the final approval authority under 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A) (6) and shall be read into
26 the record twice. The first reading shall be of the legislation and reference the attached
27 exhibits. After the motion to adopt, debate and amendment, if any, a second reading shall be
28 conducted. The second reading shall be limited only to those provisions or sections of the
29 legislation which have been amended. All readings shall be by the designated Office of
30 Legislative Services personnel assigned to the Committee or by electronic voice recording.

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2 **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE**

3 The amendment enacted herein shall be effective pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules
4 of Order for Standing Committees of the Navajo Nation Council.

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6 **SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE**

7 Should any provision of this Act be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation
8 Supreme Court, or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation without appeal to the
9 Navajo Supreme Court, those provisions of the Act not determined invalid shall
10 remain the law of the Nation.

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