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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET
Tracking No. 0005-19

DATE: March 19, 2019

SUBJECT: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE NAVAJO NATION HUMAN RESEARCH REVIEW BOARD

PURPOSE: For the HEIISC to appoint member to the Navajo Nation Human Research Review Board.

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 review the proposed resolution in detail.

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL — First Year, 2019

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE, APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE NAVAJO NATION HUMAN
RESEARCH REVIEW BOARD

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is empowered “[t]o establish Navajo Nation policy, promulgate rules, and regulations governing health, social services, education, human services, and general government services of the Navajo Nation and its tribal organizations, entities, and enterprises.” 2 N.N.C. § 401(B)(1).
- B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is empowered “[t]o ensure compliance and implementation of laws and policies of the Navajo Nation relating to health, social services, education, general government services and human services. 2 N.N.C. § 401(B)(1).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Navajo Nation Human Research Code establishes the policies and procedures for investigations, physicians, researchers, and other individuals performing

1 research activities on living human subjects within the territorial jurisdiction of
2 the Navajo Nation.

3 B. The Navajo Nation Human Research Code, codified at 13 N.N.C. § 3251, *et seq.*,
4 (the "Research Code") created the Navajo Nation Human Research Review Board
5 (the "Board"). The Board is comprised of 15 appointed individuals, whose powers
6 and purposes including reviewing and approving research and overseeing and
7 assuring that research and publication activities are consistent with the health and
8 educational goals and objectives of the Navajo Nation.

9 C. The Research Code provides that the Health, Education and Human Services
10 Committee ("HEHSC") shall appoint 6 members to the Board. 13 N.N.C. § 3257.

11 D. The HEHSC recognizes that the Board is an administrative body established to
12 protect the rights and welfare of Navajo research subjects, and must remain free
13 of political influences and matters related to policy-making. Therefore,
14 appointments made to the Board by HEHSC shall not include Navajo Nation
15 elected officials. 13 N.N.C. § 3257.

16 E. In its consideration of appointments to the Board, HEHSC may receive
17 recommendations from Diné Education, schools and school board organizations.

18 F. The HEHSC received letters of interest along with resumes and curriculum vitae
19 from four individuals: Dr. Kalvin G. White, Dr. Rebecca Izzo Manymules, Dr.
20 David H. Begay, and Beverly Becenti-Pigman. Their letters of interest are
21 attached as **Exhibit A**.

22 23 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

24 The HEHSC appoints the following individuals to serve on the Navajo Nation Human
25 Research Review Board: Dr. Kalvin G. White, Dr. Rebecca Izzo Manymules, Dr. David
26 H. Begay, and Beverly Becenti-Pigman. The term of appointments shall be in accordance
27 with the Navajo Nation Human Research.

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