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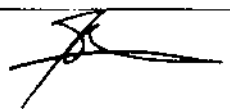
AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE'S GAMING SUBCOMMITTEE AND APPROVING THE SPEAKER OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENTS TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE'S GAMING SUBCOMMITTEE

PURPOSE: Creating the Naabik'iyáti' Committee's Gaming Subcommittee to negotiate all related issues regarding the separate gaming compacts the Navajo Nation has with the State of Arizona and the State of New Mexico respectively.

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.

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15 SUBCOMMITTEE

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17 BE IT ENACTED:

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19 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- 20 A. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is a Standing Committee of
21 the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 700.
22 B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee, as a Standing Committee, has the authority to establish a
23 subcommittee subject to the requirements of 2 N.N.C. §186.

24 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 25 A. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council finds it to be in the best
26 interest of the Navajo People to establish the Naabik'iyáti' Committee's Gaming
27 Subcommittee and to dissolve the prior existing Naabik'iyáti' Committee's Arizona
28 Gaming Subcommittee established through Resolution NABIO-62-15, on October 8,
29 2015. See Exhibit A.

1 **SECTION THREE. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE**
2 **GAMING SUBCOMMITTEE**

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4 A. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee hereby establishes the Naabik'iyáti' Committee's
5 Gaming Subcommittee to negotiate the all related issues regarding the separate gaming
6 compacts the Navajo Nation has with the State of Arizona and the State of New Mexico
7 respectively and to address related issues to protect Navajo gaming.

8 B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee Gaming Subcommittee shall:

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10 1. Work in cooperation and in coordination with the Navajo Nation President, Attorney
11 General, and the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise or the designees from these
12 respective offices and entity; and

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14 2. Report monthly to the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council on the Subcommittee's
15 activities; and

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17 3. Transfer information and recommendations to the Speaker of the Navajo Nation
18 Council, the Naabik'iyáti' Committee, appropriate Navajo Nation Standing Committees,
19 and appropriate Legislative Branch boards, commissions, agencies and programs; and

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21 4. Submit to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee for review and approval any and all proposed
22 amendments and/or compacts which are the result of such negotiation.

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24 C. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee Gaming Subcommittee shall consist of three members
25 who represent Chapters located in the State of Arizona and three members who represent
26 Chapters located in the State of New Mexico. The Navajo Nation Council Speaker shall
27 appoint Delegates to serve on the subcommittee. The appointed Delegates serve at the
28 pleasure of the Naabik'iyáti' Committee.

1 **SECTION FOUR. APPOINTMENT**

- 2 A. The Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council hereby appoints and the Naabik'iyáti'
3 Committee hereby approves the following Delegates to serve, at the pleasure of the
4 Naabik'iyáti' Committee, on the Naabik'iyáti' Committee's Gaming Subcommittee:
5 1. Honorable Paul Begay-Health-Arizona;
6 2. Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton-New Mexico;
7 3. Honorable Pernell Halona-New Mexico;
8 4. Honorable Otto Tso-Arizona;
9 5. Honorable Thomas Walker, Jr. Arizona;
10 6. Honorable Jamie Henio, New Mexico.
- 11 B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee's Gaming Subcommittee may include members of the
12 Executive Branch with the Navajo Nation President's recommended appointments
13 serving on the Subcommittee, including but not limited to Navajo Gaming Regulatory
14 Office and the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise.
- 15 C. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee's Gaming Subcommittee by majority vote shall select a
16 chairperson and vice-chairperson at their first meeting. The chairperson and vice-
17 chairperson shall serve at the Subcommittee's pleasure; replacement by majority vote.
- 18 D. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee's Gaming Subcommittee shall establish a regular
19 meeting day(s) of the month and shall meet more frequently during tribal-state
20 compact negotiations. Due to the economic importance of the compact negotiation
21 work, Subcommittee members absent from two or more meetings may be replaced at
22 the recommendation of the Chair of the Subcommittee.
- 23 E. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee's Gaming Subcommittee may retain a legal consultant
24 through the Office of the Speaker to render legal advice regarding negotiations.

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26 **SECTION FIVE. SUBCOMMITTEE TERM**

27 The Naabik'iyáti' Committee Gaming Subcommittee shall exist until it's assigned
28 tasks are completed and shall report its recommendations to the Naabik'iyáti'
29 Committee, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 186.
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SECTION SIX. DIRECTIVES

- A. The Speaker's Chief of Staff shall assign one policy analyst to assist the Naabik'iyáti' Committee's Gaming Subcommittee.
- B. The Legislative Service's Executive Director shall assign two Office of Legislative Services staffers to assist the Naabik'iyáti' Committee's Gaming Subcommittee.
- C. The Speaker shall determine a Subcommittee budget and identify the funds.
- D. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee's Arizona Gaming Subcommittee created through Resolution NABIO-62-15, as found at Exhibit B, is hereby dissolved.