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TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Naabik'iyati and Navajo Nation Council; Approving the Reinstatement of Ms. Karen Rae Nieto as a member of the Navajo Nation

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0322-19

DATE: October 29, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, NAABIK'ÍYÁTTI' AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL;
APPROVING THE REINSTATEMENT OF MS. KAREN RAE NIETO AS A MEMBER OF THE NAVAJO NATION

PURPOSE: This resolution will approve the reinstatement of Ms. Karen Rae Nieto as a member of the Navajo Nation.

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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1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
2 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2019

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14 NAVAJO NATION

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16 BE IT ENACTED:

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18 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

19 A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the
20 Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 400(A). The committee "serve[s] as the oversight
21 committee for the Division of Health, Division of Social Services, Division of Human
22 Resources Department of Diné Education, Division of General Services" 2 N.N.C. §
23 401(C)(1).

24 B. The Naa'bik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2
25 N.N.C. § 700(A). All proposed legislation requiring final action by the Navajo Nation
26 Council are assigned to the committee. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A)(9).

27 C. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C.
28 §102. Pursuant to 1 N.N.C. § 705, the Navajo Nation Council, by majority vote, must
29 approve all requests for reinstatement of membership enrollment with the Navajo Nation.
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1 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

2 A. Ms. Karen Rae Nieto (date of birth August 17, 1969) was an enrolled member of the
3 Navajo Nation. See Exhibit "A," *Certificate of Navajo Indian Blood*. On October 15,
4 2011, upon her request, her membership with the Navajo Nation was relinquished. See
5 Exhibit "B," enrollment relinquishment with the Navajo Nation. Subsequently, she
6 enrolled with the Zuni Tribe (as her father is Zuni). Exhibit "C."

7 B. Ms. Karen Rae Nieto filed for relinquishment of her enrollment with the Zuni Tribe.
8 On January 27, 2016, the Zuni Tribe approved Ms. Nieto's relinquishment request. See
9 Exhibit "D."

10 C. Ms. Karen Rae Nieto is seeking reinstatement with the Navajo Nation. See Exhibit
11 "E", letter dated June 3, 2019.

12 D. Ms. Karen Rae Nieto is Ashjnj and is the originally from the Chinle community. Her
13 mother is Navajo.

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15 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL FOR REENROLLMENT**

16 Ms. Karen Rae Nieto, is and shall be reinstated, or otherwise reenrolled, as a member
17 of the Navajo Nation. By this action of the Navajo Nation Council and pursuant to the
18 laws of the Navajo Nation, she shall be entitled to all rights, benefits and privileges
19 associated with membership with the Navajo Nation.