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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0360-19

DATE: November 19, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; OVERRIDING THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT'S VETO OF NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION CO-40-19

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, will override veto of CO-40-19.

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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13 NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION CO-40-19

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15 BE IT ENACTED:

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17 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- 18 A. The Navajo Nation Council enacts laws of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102.
19 B. All resolutions enacting new law or amending existing laws are subject to veto by the
20 President of the Navajo Nation pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1005(C)(10) and (11) and override
21 by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(17).
22 C. A vetoed resolution must first be submitted to Naabik'iyáti' Committee before
23 consideration by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A)(17).
24 D. Legislation vetoed by the President of the Navajo Nation is subject to override "by
25 two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of the Navajo Nation Council." 2 N.N.C. § 1005
26 (C) (11).

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28 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 29 A. Resolution CO-40-19 was passed by the Navajo Nation Council on October 23, 2019.
30 The resolution is entitled, " *An Action Relating To Law And Order, Naabik'iyáti' And*

1 *Navajo Nation Council: Amending 11 N.N.C. § 240(D)(2), Removal Provisions Of*
2 *Navajo Election Code, And 11 N.N.C. § 341(A)(1), Office Of Hearings And Appeals*
3 *Procedures ."*

4 B. The changes enacted by the Navajo Nation Council through *CO-40-19* are crucial as
5 they relate to rights and procedures in election disputes. The President's veto letter does
6 not question these important substantive areas but instead appears to relate to the Navajo
7 Nation Code in general. See attached Exhibit "A," veto letter and resolution *CO-40-19*.

8 C. The Navajo Nation President's veto is "subject to an override...by two-thirds (2/3) vote
9 of the membership of the Navajo Nation Council." 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A)(17).

10 D. The Navajo Nation Council finds it in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to
11 override the Presidential veto herein.

12 13 **SECTION THREE. OVERRIDING VETO**

14 The Navajo Nation Council hereby overrides the Navajo Nation President's veto of
15 Resolution *CO-40-19*.