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**TITLE: An Action Relating To NAABIK'IYATI' And Navajo Nation Council;
Overriding The Navajo Nation President's Veto Of Navajo Nation Council Resolution
CO-36-19**

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0370-19

DATE: December 4, 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-36-19

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, will override veto of CO-36-19.

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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11 RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL;
12 OVERRIDING THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT'S VETO OF NAVAJO
13 NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION CO-36-19

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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-36-19 was passed by the Navajo Nation Council on October 23, 2019.
30 The resolution is entitled, "AN ACT RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER,

1 NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL;
2 APPROVING AN ACT TO AMEND THE NAVAJO NATION CODE, TITLE 2,
3 CHAPTER 3, SUBCHAPTER 11, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS; ARTICLE 6
4 NAVAJO NATION HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION SECTIONS 921, 922(A)(C),
5 923 AND 924." This legislation was vetoed by the Navajo Nation President on
6 November 11, 2019. Veto message and legislation attached as **Exhibit A**.

7 B. The changes enacted by the Navajo Nation Council through CO-36-19 added Navajo
8 traditional culture as an established background for membership on the Navajo Nation
9 Human Rights Commission, required that a majority of commissions are Navajo and
10 provided authority for the commission to file and litigate discrimination cases on behalf
11 of Navajos.

12 C. The Navajo Nation Council is authorized to determine policy for entities it creates.
13 This authority includes determining the functions and responsibilities of entities created.

14 D. The purposes of the Navajo Nation Human rights Commission remains the same-
15 protecting basic human rights and addressing discriminatory practices against members
16 of the Navajo Nation. As a result, the amendments of CO-36-19 are important and they
17 are necessary.

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19 **SECTION THREE. OVERRIDING VETO**

20 The Navajo Nation Council hereby overrides the Navajo Nation President's veto of
21 Resolution CO-36-19.
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