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TITLE: An Action Relating To Health Education and Human Services, NAABIK'IYATI And Navajo Nation Council; Confirming, As Diné College Student representative, Ms. Lorencita Willie As A Member Of The Commission On Navajo Government Development

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0377-19

DATE: December 16, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING, AS DINÉ COLLEGE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE, MS. LORENCITA WILLIE AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT

PURPOSE: This resolution will confirm the nomination of Ms. Lorencita Willie, a student at Diné College, to the Commission on Navajo Government Development. Ms. Willie will serve on the Commission as a student representative from the College (as required and permitted by Navajo Nation law).

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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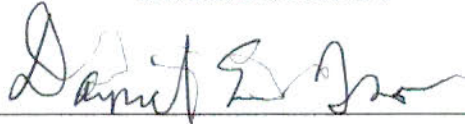
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PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - First Year, 2019

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AN ACTION

RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES,
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MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITIES

A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 400 *et seq.*, generally oversees matters relative to health, education, employment and social services within the Navajo Nation, among other duties and responsibilities.

B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council 2 N.N.C. § 700(A). Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A)(9), a proposed resolution that requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council must be assigned to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee before it is considered by the Navajo Nation Council.

C. The Navajo Nation Council, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §972(A), confirms appointments to the Commission on Navajo Government Development.

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2 **SECTION 2. FINDINGS**

3 A. The Commission on Navajo Government Development consists of 12 Navajo
4 members. Regarding appointments to this commission, Navajo Nation law mandates -
5 "Commission members shall be chosen from among individuals who have demonstrated
6 scholarship, a strong sense of public interest, knowledge of Navajo history and cultural
7 heritage, spiritual leadership, leadership in the Navajo government and abilities likely to
8 contribute to the fulfillment of the duties of the Commission." 2 N.N.C. § 972(D).

9 B. Once nominated, members of the Commission on Navajo Government Development
10 are confirmed by and serve at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council pursuant to 2
11 N.N.C. § 972(A).

12 C. Concerning nomination and qualifications for the Commission on Navajo Government
13 Development, Navajo Nation law provides - "One member shall be nominated by the Student
14 Body Government of [Diné] College; the nominee shall be a student at [Diné] College and
15 serve so long as said nominee is a full-time student at [Diné] College, but no longer than two
16 years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council." 2 N.N.C. § 972(A)(6).

17 D. On October 17, 2019, the student body of Diné College, by written resolution,
18 nominated Lorencita Willie as its representative on the Commission on Navajo Government
19 Development. Student body resolution attached hereto as Exhibit A. Further, the Dine
20 College Board of Regents supports this nomination. Exhibit C, resolution DC-NOV-24-19.

21 E. Ms. Lorencita Willie meets all the qualifications for the Diné College student
22 representative position on the Navajo Government Development Commission. See
23 documents attached as Exhibit B (including letter of interest, resume and verification of
24 student status). It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation that Ms. Lorencita Willie be
25 confirmed as a member of the Navajo Government Development Commission.

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27 **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMATION**

28 Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972(A)(6), Diné College student representative requirements,
29 the Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms the nomination of Ms. Lorencita Willie to the
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1 Commission of Navajo Government Development. The term shall be served consistent
2 with Navajo Nation law.

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