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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee and Navajo Nation Council; Confirming the Appointment of Ms. Natasha Goldtooth to the Commission on Navajo Government Development for a Term of Two (2) Years as the Dine' College Student Representative

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. <u>0059-21</u>

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March 25, 2021

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYATI' COMMITTEE AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. NATASHA GOLDTOOTH TO THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS AS THE DINE' COLLEGE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

PURPOSE: To confirm the appointment of Ms. Natasha Goldtooth as the Dine' College Student Representative.

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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| 17 | SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY | |
| 18 | A. The Naabik'iyati' Committee has legislative oversight authority over the Commission | |
| 19 | on Navajo Government Development and the Office of Navajo Government | |
| 20 | Development. 2 N.N.C. § 970. | |
| 21 | B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyati' Committee as a Navajo Nation | |
| 22 | Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'iyati' Committee to | |
| 23 | recommend all resolutions to the Navajo Nation Council on matters within the | |
| 24 | Committee's jurisdiction pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 701 (A) (3). | |
| 25 | C. The Navajo Nation Council confirms appointments to the Commission on Navajo | |
| 26 | Government Development. 2 N.N.C. § 972 (A) (4). | |
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| 28 | SECTION TWO. FINDINGS | |
| 29 | A. The Commission on Navajo Government Development is established within the | |
| 30 | Legislative Branch. The Commission is a special entity created by the Navajo Nation | |

Council with quasi-independent authority to accomplish the People's project of instituting reforms necessary to ensure an accountable, responsible, ethical, and equally representative government. The Commission shall be responsible directly to the Navajo Nation Council with respect to its overall activities. The Naabik'iyati' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council shall have legislative oversight authority. 2 N.N.C. § 970.

- B. The Commission consists of twelve (12) members confirmed by and serving at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. 972 (A).
- C. One member is nominated by the Student Body Government of the Dine' College. The nominee shall be a student of Dine' College so long as said nominee is a full-time student at Dine' College to serve a term of two (2) years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 972 (A) (6).
- D. Commission members shall be chosen from among individuals who have demonstrated scholarship, strong sense of public interest, knowledge of Navajo history and cultural heritage, spiritual leadership, leadership in the Navajo government and abilities likely to contribute to the fulfillment of the duties of the commission. 2 N.N.C. § 972 (D).
- E. The Dine' College Board of Regents recommended by Resolution DC-MAR-2499-21 to confirm Ms. Natasha Goldtooth as the Dine' College Student Representative. Resolution DC-MAR-2499-21 is attached as **Exhibit A.**
- F. Ms. Natasha Goldtooth has been nominated by the Dine' College Student Body Government to fill the Student Representative position. Resolution dated March 8, 2021, is attached as **Exhibit B.** Ms. Natasha Goldtooth meets all the qualifications for the position. Her letter of interest and resume are attached as **Exhibit C.**

SECTION THREE. CONFIRMATION

The Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms the appointment of Ms. Natasha Goldtooth as the Dine' College Student Representative, to the Commission on Navajo Government Development, for a term of two (2) years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council.