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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET
Tracking No. 0244-22

DATE: December 8, 2022

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT; ENDORSING THE PLAN OF OPERATION OF THE WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, will provide be endorsing the plan of Operation for the Western Navajo Agency Council.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review the proposed resolution in detail.

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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2022

INTRODUCED BY

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TRACKING NO. 0244-22

AN ACTION
RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT; ENDORSEING THE
PLAN OF OPERATION OF THE WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Resources and Development Committee was established as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 500(A).
- B. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 500(C), the Resources and Development Committee shall exercise oversight over water, land, grazing, environmental protection, cultural resources, agriculture, livestock, wildlife, roads and transportation, air transportation, communications and utilities, information technology, chapter activities, economic and community development, commerce and trade, gaming, rights-of-way, minerals, public utilities, telecommunication, and housing.
- C. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C. § 103(D)(4), the Western Navajo Agency Council comprised of eighteen (18) certified Navajo Nation Chapters, agree to address, and undertake common goals and interests for the benefit of the Western Navajo Agency Chapter.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

1 A. The Western Navajo Agency Council is composed of duly elected chapter officials
2 comprising eighteen (18) certified chapters of the Navajo Nation with authority to
3 advocate, promote and support common goals and interests of the respective chapters.
4 The Navajo Nation certified chapters within the Western Navajo Agency are as
5 follows:

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| 6 1. Birdsprings/Tsi dii To | 10. Lechee |
| 7 2. Bodaway/Gap | 11. Leupp |
| 8 3. Cameron | 12. NaaTsis' Aan |
| 9 4. Chilchinbeto | 13. Oljato |
| 10 5. Coalmine Canyon | 14. Shonto |
| 11 6. Coppennine | 15. Tolani Lake |
| 12 7. Dermehotso | 16. To'Naneesdizi |
| 13 8. Kaibeto/Kai Bii To | 17. Tonalea |
| 14 9. Kayenta | 18. Ts'ah Bii' Kin |

15 B. The Western Navajo Agency Council at a duly called meeting at NaaTsis' Aan
16 Community School, Navajo Mountain, Navajo Nation (Arizona), approved their Plan
17 of Operation, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and request approval by the Resources and
18 Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.

19 C. The Navajo Nation Local Governance Act ("LGA"), 26 N.N.C. §§ 1 et seq., was
20 enacted for the purpose of recognizing governance at the local level. The LGA
21 provides for certification of chapters. 26 N.N.C. § 102. After chapter certification, the
22 chapter may exercise listed powers. 26 N.N.C. § 103(D)(4). The listed authorities
23 include entering into agreements with other chapters, entering into intergovernmental
24 agreements, and entering into contracts with the Navajo Nation. 26 N.N.C. § 103(D).
25 The Resources and Development Committee endorsement of an agency council does
26 not alter LGA purposes, certification requires of authorities.

28 **SECTION THREE. ENDORSEMENT**

29 The Resources and Development Committee hereby endorses the establishment of the
30 Western Navajo Agency Council that is comprised of eighteen (18) Navajo Nation certified

1 chapters to advocate for, encourage and promote community project support, and interact
2 with other local governments, as further described in the Plan of Operation attached hereto
3 as **Exhibit A**.

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5 **SECTION FOUR. CONFORMANCE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT**

6 The endorsement of the Plan of Operation of the Western Navajo Agency Council does not
7 waive the purposes, requirements, and authorities of the Local Governance Act, 26 N.N.C.
8 §§1 et seq.