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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services and Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Approving a New Site Selection at Gamerco for the Gallup Indian Medical Center; Rescinding Resolution NABIJY-30-20, Titled "Approving and Supporting the Selection of the Rehoboth Site for the Gallup Indian Medical Center Replacement Project"

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Tracking No. 0129-24

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TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPROVING A NEW SITE SELECTION AT GAMERCO FOR THE GALLUP INDIAN MEDICAL CENTER; RESCINDING RESOLUTION NABIJY-30-20, TITLED "APPROVING AND SUPPORTING THE SELECTION OF THE REHOBOTH SITE FOR THE GALLUP INDIAN MEDICAL CENTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT"

Final Authority: Naabik'íyáti' Committee

Vote Requirement: Simple Majority

PURPOSE: This proposed resolution rescinds Resolution NABIJY-30-20 and approves Gamerco as the new site location for the Gallup Indian Medical Center.

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.

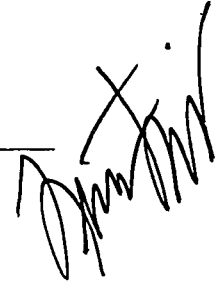
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15 SUPPORTING THE SELECTION OF THE REHOBOTH SITE FOR THE
16 GALLUP INDIAN MEDICAL CENTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT"

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18 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 19 A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council
20 is empowered to establish Navajo Nation policy concerning health related matters.
21 2 N.N.C. § 401(B)(1).
- 22 B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. It
23 has the authority to "review and continually monitor the programs and activities of
24 federal and state departments and to assist development of such programs designed to
25 serve the Navajo People and the Navajo Nation through intergovernmental
26 relationships between the Navajo Nation and such departments." 2 N.N.C. § 701
27 (A)(7).

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29 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- 1 A. The Navajo Nation previously approved Resolution NABIJY-30-20, attached as
2 **Exhibit A (exhibits omitted)**, which approved the Rehoboth site selection of a new
3 facility for the Gallup Indian Medical Center.
- 4 B. The Navajo Nation has determined the better location for a newly constructed facility
5 to be in Gamerco, New Mexico. There are several reasons for the change in location.
6 One of the primary reasons is that the Rehoboth site is not owned by the Navajo
7 Nation. Other reasons include the small acreage of the site, limited access thereby
8 limiting transportation, zoning concerns, traditional and cultural impacts, and
9 drainage and flooding concerns.
- 10 C. The Navajo Nation President sent a letter to the Indian Health Services Headquarters,
11 Director Roselyn Tso, indicating its wishes to change the site location. The letter to
12 Director Tso is attached as **Exhibit B**. The letter includes four attachments:
- 13 1. Navajo Nation Gamerco Property Deed
 - 14 2. Rehoboth draft ESA-Phase II PowerPoint Report
 - 15 3. Gamerco ESA-Phase 1 Report, and
 - 16 4. Gamerco ESA-Phase II PowerPoint Report
- 17 D. As indicated in Attachment 3 of **Exhibit B**, the Navajo Nation has completed the
18 Environmental site Assessment-Phase I for the Gamerco, New Mexico site.
- 19 E. The Navajo Nation shall coordinate with the Indian Health Services to ensure the
20 remain work is done to complete the construction of the new Gallup Indian Medical
21 Center facility.

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23 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

24 The Navajo Nation Council approves the site selection of Gamerco, New Mexico for the
25 new Gallup Indian Medical Center facility in accordance with **Exhibit B**.

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