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**TITLE: An Action Relating to Resources and Development; Approving the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service Pueblo Pintado Land Lease for 27.21. Acres, Located within the Pueblo Pintado Chapter Vicinity, Navajo Nation (McKinley County, New Mexico) for an Access Road and a Sewage Lagoon for the Pueblo Pintado Health Center**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

**Tracking No.** 0257-24

**DATE:** November 22, 2024

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT; APPROVING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE PUEBLO PINTADO LAND LEASE FOR 27.21 ACRES, LOCATED WITHIN THE PUEBLO PINTADO CHAPTER VICINITY, NAVAJO NATION (MCKINLEY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO) FOR AN ACCESS ROAD AND A SEWAGE LAGOON FOR THE PUEBLO PINTADO HEALTH CENTER

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the legislation is to approve a Lease for the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service, for 27.21 acres, more or less, in the Pueblo Pintado Chapter vicinity, Navajo Nation (McKinley County, New Mexico) for a sewage lagoon and access road to serve the new Pueblo Pintado Health Center and staff housing.

**Final Authority:** Resources and Development Committee

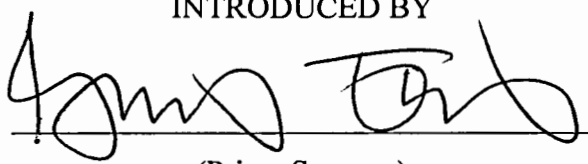
**Vote Required:** Simple Majority

**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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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Second Year, 2024

INTRODUCED BY



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TRACKING NO. 0257-24

AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT; APPROVING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE PUEBLO PINTADO LAND LEASE FOR 27.21 ACRES, LOCATED WITHIN THE PUEBLO PINTADO CHAPTER VICINITY, NAVAJO NATION (MCKINLEY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO) FOR AN ACCESS ROAD AND A SEWAGE LAGOON FOR THE PUEBLO PINTADO HEALTH CENTER

BE IT ENACTED:

**Section One. Authority**

- A. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 500(A).
- B. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council has authority to give final approval of all land withdrawals, non-mineral leases, permits, licenses, rights-of-way, surface easements and bonding requirements on Navajo Nation lands and unrestricted (fee) land. This authority shall include subleases, modifications, assignments, leasehold encumbrances, transfers, renewals, and terminations. 2 N.N.C. § 501 (B)(2).

**Section Two. Findings**

- A. The United States Department of Health and Human Services Indian Health Service has submitted a request for a lease to occupy 27.21 acres, more or less, on Navajo Nation Trust Lands in Pueblo Pintado Chapter (McKinley County, New

1 Mexico). The proposed Lease is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. The Lease will be  
2 used for a sewage lagoon and access road to serve the new Pueblo Pintado Health  
3 Center and staff housing.

- 4 B. The proposed Lease for 27.21 acres, more or less, is described in **Exhibit B**.
- 5 C. Environmental, archaeological studies and clearances, and Consent Form to Use  
6 Navajo Nation Lands have been completed and are attached hereto and  
7 incorporated herein by this reference. The Draft Finding of No Significant Impact  
8 (FONSI) is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**. The Biological Resources Compliance  
9 Form is attached hereto as **Exhibit D**. The Cultural Resources Compliance Form  
10 and the Cultural Resources Inventory are attached as **Exhibit E**. The  
11 Memorandum from the Navajo Nation Environmental Department Manager dated  
12 July 18, 2024 is attached hereto as **Exhibit F**. The Consent to Use Navajo Nation  
13 Lands is attached as **Exhibit G**.
- 14 D. Support resolutions from Pueblo Pintado Chapter, Counselor Chapter,  
15 Torreon/Star Lake Chapter, Ojo Encino Chapter and Whitehorse Lake Chapter  
16 are attached as **Exhibit H**.
- 17 E. A letter dated March 21, 2024 from the Area Director, Navajo Area Indian Health  
18 Service to the Department Manager of the Navajo Land Department requesting  
19 the lease of 27.21 acres is attached as **Exhibit I**.
- 20 F. The Executive Official Review Document No. 022642 is attached hereto as  
21 **Exhibit J**.

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23 **Section Three. Approval:**

- 24 A. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby  
25 approves a Lease for the United States Department of Health and Human Services  
26 Indian Health Service, for 27.21 acres, more or less, in the Pueblo Pintado Chapter  
27 vicinity, Navajo Nation (McKinley County, New Mexico). The Navajo Nation  
28 hereby approves the Lease subject to, but not limited to the Terms and Conditions  
29 in the Lease attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

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B. The location is more particularly described on the survey maps attached as **Exhibit B.**

C. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the President of the Navajo Nation to execute any and all documents necessary to implement the intent and purpose of this resolution.