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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0265-24

DATE: December 17, 2024

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. LEONA MORGAN TO THE DINÉ URANIUM REMEDIATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

PURPOSE: The purpose of the resolution is to confirm the appointment of Ms. Leona Morgan to serve on the Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission as a Community Member of the Eastern Agency for a term ending September 30, 2029.

Final Authority: Navajo Nation Council

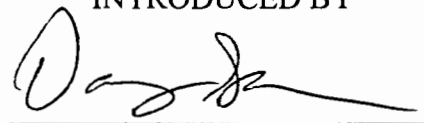
Vote Required: Simple Majority

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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13 THE DINÉ URANIUM REMEDIATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
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15 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- 16 A. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo
17 Nation Council standing committee. 2 N.N.C. § 700(A).
18 B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council exercises legislative
19 oversight of the Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission. 2 N.N.C. § 3583;
20 CAP-14-15.
21 C. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §
22 164(A)(9), reviews proposed legislation which requires final action by the Navajo
23 Nation Council.
24 D. The Navajo Nation Council appoints the six (6) commission members representing the
25 six Abandoned Uranium Mines (AUM), Northern, North Central, Eastern, Southern,
26 Western and Central. NABIJN-44-24.

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28 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 29 A. The Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission was established within the
30 Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 3583; CAP-14-15.

- 1 B. The Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission shall consist of seven (7)
2 members. “Seven members shall be community members, preferably one from each of
3 the six Abandoned Uranium Mines (AUM) Regions (as defined by the U.S. EPA)
4 affected by past uranium mining – Northern, North Central, Eastern, Southern,
5 Western, and Central, and one selected At-Large Community Representative. These
6 seven (7) members shall all be enrolled members of the Navajo Nation with a
7 background in environmental science, environmental justice, engineering, social
8 science, health, policy making if at all possible.” NABIJN-44-24, attached as **Exhibit**
9 **1**, DINÉ URANIUM REMEDIATION ADVISORY COMMISSION Amended Master
10 Plan of Operation 2024 (“Commission Plan of Operation”), VIII (2)(a).
- 11 C. “The Navajo Nation Council shall appoint the six Members representing the six
12 uranium mining regions. NABIJN-44-24, Commission Plan of Operation, VIII (3)(b).
- 13 D. “The President and Council may, but are not required to, make a public announcement
14 soliciting letters of interest and statements of qualification for the Commission member
15 positions. **Exhibit 1**, NABIJN-44-24, Commission Plan of Operation, VIII (3)(c).
- 16 E. “The initial term of the Commission shall be approximately five (5) years. The second
17 term shall begin when a quorum of Commissioners is established and shall end on
18 September 30, 2029. The Navajo Nation Council may, by majority vote, renew the
19 Commission for an additional five-year term, or for such period as the Council may
20 choose.” **Exhibit 1**, NABIJN-44-24, Commission Plan of Operation, VIII (1).
- 21 F. Ms. Leona Morgan has requested to serve on the Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory
22 Commission as the Community Member from the Eastern Agency. Ms. Morgan’s
23 letter of interest and resume show background in environmental justice and policy. Her
24 letter of interest and resume are attached as **Exhibit 2**. Ms. Morgan is an enrolled
25 member of the Navajo Nation. Her CIB is attached as **Exhibit 3**.
- 26 G. A resolution from the Eastern Navajo Land Commission dated July 23, 2024
27 “recommends Leona Morgan to serve on Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory
28 Commission representing Eastern Navajo Agency.” Resolution No. ENLC-02-24 is
29 attached as **Exhibit 4**.
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1 **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT**

2 The Navajo Nation hereby confirms the appointment of Ms. Leona Morgan to serve on
3 the Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission as a Community Member of the
4 Eastern Agency for a term ending on September 30, 2029.

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