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**TITLE: An Action Relating to Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Concurring with the Navajo Nation President's Written Comments to the United States Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Agriculture for Docket HHS-OASH-2022-0021 Regarding the Dietary Guidelines advisory Committee; Supporting the Scientific Report of the 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0010-25

**DATE:** February 3, 2025

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; CONCURRING WITH THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT'S WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR DOCKET HHS-OASH-2022-0021 REGARDING THE DIETARY GUIDELINES ADVISORY COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING THE SCIENTIFIC REPORT OF THE 2025 DIETARY GUIDELINES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**PURPOSE:** If approved, this resolution will concur with written comments submitted by President Dr. Buu Nygren on behalf of the Navajo Nation for Docket HHS-OASH-2022-0021 and will express the Nation's support of the *Scientific Report of the 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee*.

**Final Authority:** NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE

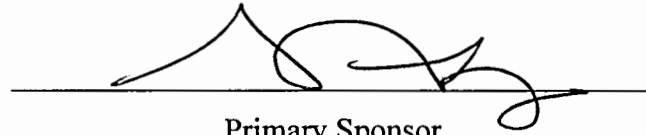
**Vote Required:** Simple Majority

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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17 COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING THE SCIENTIFIC REPORT OF THE 2025  
18 DIETARY GUIDELINES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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20 WHEREAS:

- 21 A. The Navajo Nation Council, as the governing body of the Navajo Nation, is entrusted  
22 with the responsibility to safeguard the interests, rights, and traditions of the Navajo  
23 People. 2 N.N.C. § 102(A).
- 24 B. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'iyati' Committee as a Navajo Nation  
25 Council standing committee with the delegated responsibility and authority to coordinate  
26 all requests for information, appearances and testimony related to proposed county, state  
27 and federal legislation impacting the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 770 (A), 701 (A)(6).
- 28 C. The U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services and Agriculture announced the  
29 first meeting of the newly appointed 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee and  
30 accepted public comments until late 2024, throughout the Committee's deliberations.

- 1 D. On August 26, 2024, the President of the Navajo Nation, Dr. Buu Nygren, submitted a  
2 letter on behalf of the Navajo Nation to the Secretaries of the United States Department  
3 of Health and Human Services and Department of Agriculture concerning Docket HHS-  
4 OASH-2022-0021. See Navajo Nation’s written comments attached as **Exhibit A**.
- 5 E. The Nation’s written comments provide background information about the Navajo  
6 Nation, input regarding the need for consideration of indigenous diets and health  
7 disparities, and requested tribal consultation moving forward.
- 8 F. On December 11, 2024, the United States Department of Health and Human Services  
9 and Department of Agriculture opened a 60-day public comment period to collect public  
10 feedback on the *Scientific Report of the 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee*.  
11 The *Scientific Report of the 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee* is available at  
12 <http://www.dietaryguidelines.gov/2025-advisory-committee-report>.
- 13 G. The deadline for submitting official written testimony is Monday, February 10, 2024.  
14 <https://www.dietaryguidelines.gov/public-comment-departments>.
- 15 H. It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to support the *Scientific Report of the 2025*  
16 *Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee*.

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18 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

19 The Navajo Nation hereby concurs with the Navajo Nation’s written comments, attached as  
20 **Exhibit A**, submitted by the President of the Navajo Nation on August 26, 2024, concerning  
21 Docket HHS-OASH-2022-0021. The Navajo Nation hereby supports the *Scientific Report of*  
22 *the 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee* and authorizes the submission of this  
23 resolution to the United States Department of Health and Human Services and Department  
24 of Agriculture.

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