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**TITLE: An Action Relating to Naabik'iyáti' Committee and Navajo Nation Council; Confirming the Appointment of Ms. Mable Franklin to the Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission Representing the Western Abandoned Uranium Mines Region**

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## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0024-25

**DATE:** March 5, 2025

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. MABLE FRANKLIN TO THE DINÉ URANIUM REMEDIATION ADVISORY COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE WESTERN ABANDONED URANIUM MINES REGION

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the resolution is to confirm the appointment of Ms. Mable Franklin to serve on the Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission as a Community Member of the Western Abandoned Uranium Mine Region 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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11 RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND NAVAJO NATION  
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13 TO THE DINÉ URANIUM REMEDIATION ADVISORY COMMISSION  
14 REPRESENTING THE WESTERN ABANDONED URANIUM MINES REGION

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16 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

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

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29 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- 1 A. The Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission was established within the  
2 Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 3583; CAP-14-15.
- 3 B. The Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission shall consist of seven (7)  
4 members. “Seven members shall be community members, preferably one from each of  
5 the six Abandoned Uranium Mines (AUM) Regions (as defined by the U.S. EPA)  
6 affected by past uranium mining – Northern, North Central, Eastern, Southern,  
7 Western, and Central, and one selected At-Large Community Representative. These  
8 seven (7) members shall all be enrolled members of the Navajo Nation with a  
9 background in environmental science, environmental justice, engineering, social  
10 science, health, policy making if at all possible.” NABIJN-44-24, attached as **Exhibit**  
11 **1** with its Exhibit A DINÉ URANIUM REMEDIATION ADVISORY COMMISSION  
12 Amended Master Plan of Operation 2024 (“Commission Plan of Operation”), VIII  
13 (2)(a).
- 14 C. “The Navajo Nation Council shall appoint the six Members representing the six  
15 uranium mining regions. NABIJN-44-24, Commission Plan of Operation, VIII (3)(b).
- 16 D. “The President and Council may, but are not required to, make a public announcement  
17 soliciting letters of interest and statements of qualification for the Commission member  
18 positions. **Exhibit 1**, NABIJN-44-24, Commission Plan of Operation, VIII (3)(c).
- 19 E. “The initial term of the Commission shall be approximately five (5) years. The second  
20 term shall begin when a quorum of Commissioners is established and shall end on  
21 September 30, 2029. The Navajo Nation Council may, by majority vote, renew the  
22 Commission for an additional five-year term, or for such period as the Council may  
23 choose.” **Exhibit 1**, NABIJN-44-24, Commission Plan of Operation, VIII (1).
- 24 F. Ms. Mable Franklin has requested to serve on the Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory  
25 Commission as the Community Member from the Western Abandoned Uranium Mine  
26 Region. Ms. Franklin’s letter of interest and resume show background in  
27 environmental justice and policy. Her letter of interest and resume are attached as  
28 **Exhibit 2**. Ms. Franklin is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation; her CIB is  
29 attached as **Exhibit 3**.
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**SECTION THREE. CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT**

The Navajo Nation hereby confirms the appointment of Ms. Mable Franklin to serve on the Diné Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission as a Community Member from the Western Abandoned Uranium Mine Region for a term ending on September 30, 2029.