LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. _____0014-21_____

DATE: January 27, 2021

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING NEW MEXICO CONGRESSWOMAN DEB HAALAND TO BE APPOINTED AS SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, UNDER THE PRESIDENT JOE R. BIDEN ADMINISTRATION

PURPOSE: To support New Mexico Congresswoman Deb Haaland to be appointed as the Secretary of the Interior under the President Joe R. Biden Administration.

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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1 iii. To recommend to United States departments and agencies, the states and 2 various regional agencies the appointment of individuals who, in the 3 judgment of the Committee, will fulfill the requirements of their office and serve the interests of the Navajo Nation. 4 5 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 and 701 (A)(7)-(9). 6 C. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the United 7 States of America, Treaty of 1868, Aug. 12, 1868, 15 Stat. 667. 8 D. Congresswoman Deb Haaland is an enrolled member of the Pueblo of Laguna in New 9 Mexico. E. In 2006, Congresswoman Haaland earned her Juris Doctor from the University of 10 New Mexico School of Law. 11 12 F. Congresswoman Haaland's political career includes serving as the Vote Director for 13 Native Americans in Barack Obama's 2012 presidential re-election campaign and in 14 2015, Congresswoman Haaland was elected to a two-year term as Chair of the 15 Democratic Party of New Mexico. G. In 2018, Congresswoman Haaland was elected to the United States House of 16 17 Representatives for the First District of New Mexico and became one of first two Native American women to serve in the House of Representatives. 18 19 H. Congresswoman Haaland has close to twenty years of public service including 20 representing Native American governments, including but not limited to her Laguna 21 Pueblo and San Felipe Pueblo. 22 I. Congresswoman Haaland is and has always been a well-informed and tireless advocate 23 for United States Public Lands and Native American issues. 24 J. Congresswoman Haaland has the education, public service, and political experience 25 necessary to lead the U.S. Department of Interior in a direction that enhances and 26 protects, rather than diminishes, Native American governments and Native American lands and on December 17, 2020, United States President nominated Congresswoman 27 28 Haaland to be appointed as first Native American Secretary of the Interior. 29 30

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. The Navajo Nation supports New Mexico Congresswoman Deb Haaland to be appointed and confirmed as the Secretary of the Interior under the President Biden administration.
- B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Navajo Nation President, the Navajo Nation Speaker, and/or their designees, to advocate and support the appointment and confirmation of Congresswoman Haaland as the Secretary of the Interior.



Honorable Seth Damon Speaker 24th Navajo Nation Council

MEMORANDUM

TO:

FROM:

Eugenia Charles-Newton, Delegate 24th Navajo Nation Council Troy D. Cook, *Senior Tribal Court Advocate* Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: January 27, 2021

RE: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING NEW MEXICO CONGRESSWOMAN DEB HAALAND TO BE APPOINTED AS SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, UNDER THE PRESIDENT JOE R. BIDEN ADMINISTRATION

I have prepared the above referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. The resolution drafted is legally sufficient. However, as with any legislation, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge. Also, understand that the Speaker is authorized to refer this proposed resolution to other committees that those stated in the title.

You are advised and encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure it is drafted to your satisfaction. If you are satisfied with the proposed resolution, please sign it as "sponsor" and submit it to the Office of Legislative Services where it will be given a tracking number and sent to the Office of the Speaker for assignment.

If the proposed legislation is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like made to the proposed resolution. Ahe'he'.

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SPONSOR: <u>Eugenia Charles-Newton</u>

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