LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET
Tracking No. 0189-16

DATE: May 10, 2016

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES TO PROCLAIM THE SECOND WEEK OF JULY AS S&HASIN FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES WEEK

PURPOSE: This resolution if approved will proclaim the second week of July as *Síhasin* for Healthy Communities to educate and raise awareness regarding suicides, substance abuse and domestic violence.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each committee member to review the proposed legislation in detail.

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: 11 days
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Health, Education & Human Services Committee
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Naa'bik'íyáti' Committee

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—SECOND YEAR, 2016

INTRODUCED BY

Alton Joe Shepherd

Primary Sponsor

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AN ACTION

RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES TO PROCLAIM THE SECOND WEEK OF JULY AS SÍHASIN FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES WEEK

WHEREAS:

A. The Navajo Nation established the Health, Education and Human Services Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered the Health, Education and Human Services Committee to recommend resolutions relating to social services, health and education. 2 N.N.C. §§ 400 (A), 401(B)(6)(a); *see also* CO-45-12.

B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'íyáti' Committee to include the authority to promulgate rules and regulations. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A), 701 (A)(1) (2015); *see also* CO-45-12.

C. The Proclamation, upon due consideration, is issued by the undersigned named officials and entities of the Navajo Nation. *See* Exhibit A (Proclamation).

1. The Navajo Nation is concerned with the growing number of suicides, substance abuse and domestic violence; and
2. The communities within the Navajo Nation are concerned with the unfortunate consequences of suicides, substance abuse and domestic violence within their communities; and

3. The Navajo Nation purposes to recognize a week of "*Síhasin* for Healthy Communities," to promote suicide, substance abuse and domestic violence prevention and awareness; and
4. The devastation of suicide, substance abuse and domestic violence causes families within the communities to be negatively impacted resulting in a serious epidemic; and
5. Surveys have indicated the education of children and adults on the dangers and effects of suicide, substance abuse and domestic violence within an unhealthy, unsuitable community is more likely to minimize and possibly prevent such acts; and
6. Parental involvement and community education are considered to be the most crucial factors in preventing suicide, substance abuse and domestic violence; and
7. Key resources such as educational materials as in posting public information; campaigns; specialty training for caregivers and community leaders; developing responsive health care system, are currently being developed to meet the goals of lowering the Navajo Nation suicide rate, substance abuse and domestic violence rates; and providing education to promote healthier communities; and
8. The Navajo Nation hereby recognizes the need for suicide prevention, substance abuse, and domestic violence; and accordingly proclaim every second week of July as, "Síhasin for Healthy Communities Week," to raise awareness and prevention through education within the Navajo Nation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

A. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby recognizes the prevention of suicide, substance abuse, and domestic violence, efforts are crucial in preventing tragic Navajo lives and accordingly proclaim every second week of July as, "*Síhasin* for Healthy Communities Week," to provide awareness through education.

B. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee hereby authorizes the Navajo Nation President, the Navajo Nation Speaker, the Navajo Nation Chief Justice and their designees, to

recognize the prevention of suicide, substance abuse, and domestic violence, efforts are crucial in preventing tragic Navajo lives and accordingly proclaim every second week of July as, "*Síhasin* for Healthy Communities Week," to provide awareness through education.

EXHIBIT

A

PROCLAMATION OF THE NAVAJO NATION
***SÍHASIN* FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES**

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation is concerned with the growing number of suicides, substance abuse and domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the communities within the Navajo Nation are concerned with the unfortunate consequences of suicides, substance abuse and domestic violence within their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation proposes to recognize a week of, "*Síhasin* for Healthy Communities," to promote suicide, substance abuse and domestic violence prevention and awareness; and

WHEREAS, the devastation of suicide, substance abuse and domestic violence causes families within the communities to be negatively impacted resulting in a serious epidemic; and

WHEREAS, surveys have indicated the education of children and adults on the dangers and effects of suicide, substance abuse and domestic violence within an unhealthy, unsuitable community is more likely to minimize and possibly prevent such acts; and

WHEREAS, parental involvement and community education are considered to be the most crucial factors in preventing suicide, substance abuse and domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, key resources such as educational materials as in posting public information; campaigns; specialty training for caregivers and community leaders; developing responsive health care system, are currently being developed to meet the goals of lowering the Navajo Nation suicide rate, substance abuse and domestic violence rates; and providing education to promote healthier communities; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation hereby recognizes the need to raise awareness and prevention through education, within the Navajo Nation, in order to prevent suicides, substance abuse, and domestic violence.

NOW THEREFORE, the Navajo Nation President and the Navajo Nation Speaker do hereby proclaim the second week of July as

SÍHASIN FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

within the Navajo Nation and urge all citizens, Navajo Nation departments, divisions and designees to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by educating and promoting the prevention of and raising the awareness of suicide, substance abuse and domestic violence.

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Honorable LoRenzo Bates
Speaker
23rd Navajo Nation Council

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Alton Shepherd
Navajo Nation Council

FROM: Rhonda L. Tuni
Office of Legislative Counsel

THRU: Levon Henry, Attorney
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: May 10, 2016

SUBJECT: AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE TO PROCLAIM THE SECOND WEEK OF JULY AS SÍHASIN FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES WEEK

As requested, I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. Based on existing law and review of documents submitted, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. As with any action of government however, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge. Please ensure that his particular resolution request is precisely what you want. You are encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure that it is drafted to your satisfaction.

The Office of Legislative Counsel confirms the appropriate standing committee(s) based on the standing committees powers outlined in 2 N.N.C. §§301, 401, 501, 601 and 701. Nevertheless, "the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall introduce [the proposed resolution] into the legislative process by assigning it to the respective oversight committee(s) of the Navajo Nation Council having authority over the matters for proper consideration." 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(5).

If the proposed resolution 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.

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LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW PUBLICATION

LEGISLATION NO: _0189-16__ **SPONSOR: Alton Joe Shepherd**

TITLE: An Action Relating To Health, Education And Human Services And NAABIK'IYATI Committees To Proclaim The Second Week Of July As Sihasin For Healthy Communities Week

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SPONSOR: **Honorable Alton Joe Shepherd**

TITLE: **An Action Relating to Health, Education And Human Services And NAABIK'IYATI Committees To Proclaim The Second Week Of July As Sihasin For Healthy Communities Week.**

Posted: **June 10, 2016 at 4:25 PM**

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Digital Comments received:

Comments Supporting	***None***
Comments Opposing	***None***
Inclusive Comments	***None***

Executive Director
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Committee Report

THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL to who has been assigned;

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Has had under consideration and report the same with the recommendation that Legislation 0189-16 PASS with no amendment and no directive;

And therefore referred the same to the **NAABIK'IYATI' COMMITTEE OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan L Hale

Jonathan L. Hale, Chairperson
Health, Education and Human Services Committee

Dated: June 20, 2016

Main Motion
Motion by: Honorable Herman Daniels, Jr.
Seconded by: Honorable Amber Kanazbah Crotty
Vote: 4 in favor; 0 Opposed and 1 Abstain

Chairperson Not Voting