TITLE: An Action Relating To Health, Education and Human Services; Confirming the appointment of Joan Benally to the Navajo Nation Board of Education

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DATE: November 15, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOAN BENALLY TO THE NAVAJO NATION BOARD OF EDUCATION

PURPOSE: The purpose of this legislation is to confirm The Appointment of Joan Benally to the Navajo Nation Board Of Education.

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.
PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2019

INTRODUCED BY

(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0344-19

AN ACTION

RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES;
CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOAN BENALLY TO THE NAVAJO
NATION BOARD OF EDUCATION

Section One. Authority

A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of
the Navajo Nation Council with the purpose of providing legislative oversight on
matters involving health, social service, education, general government services and
human services. 2 N.N.C. §§ 400 (A). (C)(1).

B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee serves as oversight for the
Navajo Nation Board of Education. 2 N. N. C. § 401 (C)(3).

C. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee has authority to confirm
appointments to the Board. 10 N. N. C. § 106(B)(3).

Section Two. Findings

A. The Navajo Nation Board of Education consists of eleven (11) members. Five (5)
members are elected at-large, one from each of the five (5) agencies. Six (6) members
are appointed positions. 10 N.N.C. §106(B).

B. Regarding appointments to the Navajo Nation Board of Education, the law provides,
“[s]ix Board members shall be appointed to six year terms by the President of the
Navajo Nation and confirmed by the [Health, Education and Human Services]
Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. These members will be appointed on order to
ensure that a variety of experience and knowledge is present on the Board.” 10 N. N. C.
§ 106 (B)(3).

C. Qualifications for the six appointed positions to the Navajo Nation Board of Education
are stated as follows – two appointed Board members will be individuals who are
recognized for their knowledge of traditional Navajo culture; 10 N. N. C.
§106(C)(1)(a); one appointed Board member will be a school administrator working on
the Navajo Nation; 10 N. N. C. §106 (C)(1)(b); two appointed Board member will be
parents of at least one child enrolled in a Kindergarten, elementary, or secondary
program on the Navajo Nation; 10 N. N. C. §106 (C)(1)(c); and, one appointed Board
member will be a teacher employed in a Bureau of Indian Affairs funded or state public
school operating on the Navajo Nation; 10 N. N. C. §106(C)(1)(d).

D. Pursuant to appointment provisions applicable to the Navajo Nation Board of
Education, the Navajo Nation President has appointed Joan Benally, as the parent
representative. Ms. Benally’s letter of appointment is attached as Exhibit A and her
qualifications and interests are provided in Exhibit B.

Section Three. Confirmation of Appointment
The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby
confirms the Navajo Nation President’s appointment of Joan Benally, to the Navajo Nation
Board of Education. Ms. Benally shall serve in the parent representative position on the Board,
as provided in 10 N. N. C. § 106(C)(1)(c). Ms. Benally shall serve a term of six (6) years from
the date of confirmation, consistent with 10 N. N. C. § 106(B).