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DATE: November 15, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ANDREA K. THOMAS TO THE NAVAJO NATION BOARD OF EDUCATION

PURPOSE: The purpose of this legislation is to confirm The Appointment of Andrea K. Thomas 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)

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AN ACTION

RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES;
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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 Navajo Nation
Code provides, “[s]ix Board members shall be appointed to six year terms by the

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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 Andrea K. Thomas, as the teacher representative. Ms. Thomas’ 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 Andrea K. Thomas, to the Navajo Nation Board of Education. Ms. Thomas shall serve in the teacher representative position on the Board, as provided in 10 N. N. C. § 106(C)(1)(d). Ms. Thomas shall serve a term of six (6) years from the date of confirmation, consistent with 10 N. N. C. § 106(B).