TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Naabik’íyáti’ and Navajo Nation Council; Confirming the appointment of Ronald Milton Thompson as Superintendent of Schools, Navajo Department of Diné Education

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0088-20

DATE: April 7, 2020

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, NAABIK'IYÁTÉ AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RONALD MILTON THOMPSON AS SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF DINÉ EDUCATION

PURPOSE: This resolution, if adopted, confirms the appointment of Mr. Ronald Milton Thompson as Superintendent of Schools, Navajo Department of Diné 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 NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Second Year, 2020

INTRODUCED BY

[Signature]

(Prime Sponsor)

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AN ACTION

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BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITIES

A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102(A). The Council, among other duties and responsibilities, “confirm[s] the appointments of division directors upon recommendation from the appropriate oversight committee.” 2 NNC. 102(F). This authority to confirm appointments includes the Superintendent of Schools, Navajo Department of Dine' Education. 2 N.N.C. § 1802(A).

B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 400(A). The committee has oversight authority over the Navajo Department of Dine' Education. 2 N.N.C. § 401(C)(1).

C. The Naabik'íyááti Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 700(A). Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(9), "a proposed resolution that requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council [must] be assigned to standing
committee(s) having authority over the subject matter at issue and the Naabik'iyáti
Committee."

D. The Navajo Nation Board of Education oversees the operation of all schools serving
the Navajo Nation. 10 N.N.C. §106(A).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. The Superintendent of Schools position, Navajo Nation Department of Diné
Education, is currently vacant.

B. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1802 (A), the Department of Diné Education is “under the
immediate direction of the Navajo Nation Superintendent of Schools, subject to the
overall direction of the Navajo Nation Board of Education. The Navajo Nation
Superintendent of Schools is appointed by the Navajo Nation Board of Education,
subject to confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council.”

C. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1802(B), “[t]he Navajo Nation Superintendent of Schools
shall serve at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Board of Education.” As “chief
administrative officer of the Board,” the Superintendent is “empowered to do all
things necessary and proper to carry out the responsibilities of the Board.” 10 N.N.C.
§ 106(G) (2)(a).

D. The Navajo Nation Board of Education on April 2, 2020, by resolution NNBEAP-
613-2020, appointed and recommended the confirmation of Mr. Ronald Milton
Thompson as the Superintendent of Schools, Navajo Department of Diné Education.
See Exhibit A, Board resolution.

E. Mr. Ronald Milton Thompson is qualified for the position of Superintendent, Navajo
Nation Department of Diné Education. See letter of interest and resume, Exhibit B.

F. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council
supports the appointment and confirmation of Mr. Ronald Milton Thompson as
Superintendent of Schools, Navajo Department of Diné Education.
SECTION THREE. CONFIRMATION

The Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms the appointment of Mr. Ronald Milton Thompson as the Superintendent of Schools, Navajo Department of Diné Education.