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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

**Tracking No.** 0027-20

**DATE:** January 20, 2020

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF FERN BENALLY AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FOREST LAKE CHAPTER TO THE BLACK MESA REVIEW BOARD

**PURPOSE:** Confirming the re-appointment of Fern Benally as the Forest Lake Chapter representative to the Black Mesa Review Board for a term of four (4) years. 2 N.N.C. § 903(A).

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 COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Second Year, 2020

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APPOINTMENT OF FERN BENALLY AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FOREST  
LAKE CHAPTER TO THE BLACK MESA REVIEW BOARD

**SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- A. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. 701 (A)(1) the Naabik'iyáti' Committee has the authority to grant final confirmation of appointments to boards, commissions and colleges unless otherwise provided in law.
- B. The appointments to the Black Mesa Review Board as made by the respective Chapters require confirmation by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. 903(B),

**SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- A. The purpose of the Black Mesa Review Board shall be to advocate for fair and just compensation for Navajo families within the five Navajo Nation Chapters whose socio-economic and environmental interests are adversely affected or impacted by coal mining and related operations of Peabody Western Coal Company. 2 N.N.C. § 902.

- 1 B. The Board shall include one member who shall be appointed by the Forest Lake  
2 Chapter. 2 N.N.C. § 903(A).
- 3 C. The Naabik'iyati' Committee appointed Fern Benally as the Forest Lake Chapter  
4 representative on the Black Mesa Review Board in 2015. See **Exhibit B**.
- 5 D. The Forest Lake Chapter has requested to re-appoint Fern Benally as the Chapter  
6 member for the Black Mesa Review Board. See **Exhibit A**.
- 7 E. Within 30 days of appointment, each Board appointee shall be presented to the  
8 Naabik'iyati' Committee for confirmation. Such confirmation to be for four years  
9 commencing upon administration of oath of office. 2 N.N.C. § 903(B).
- 10 F. Any Board member may be appointed for consecutive terms, but shall be limited to  
11 two consecutive terms. 2 N.N.C. §903(H).

### 12 **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT**

13 The Naabik'iyati' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms the re-  
14 appointment of Fern Benally as the Forest Lake Chapter representative to the Black Mesa  
15 Review Board for a term of four (4) years.

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