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**TITLE: An Action Relating to Naabik'iyáti' Committee and Navajo Nation Council; Confirming the appointment of Robert K. Black to the Commission on Navajo Government Development for a term of two years as the Representative for the Executive Branch**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

**Tracking No.** 0050-20

**DATE:** March 6, 2020

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'YATI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT K. BLACK TO THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS AS THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to approve Robert K Black appointment to the Navajo Government Development Commission.

**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.**

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Naabik'iyáti' Committee  
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1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
2 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Second Year, 2020

3 INTRODUCED BY

4  Thomas Daniels

5 (Prime Sponsor)

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7 AN ACTION

8 RELATING TO NAABIK'IYATI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION  
9 COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT K. BLACK TO THE  
10 COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM OF  
11 TWO YEARS AS THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

12 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- 13 A. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee has legislative oversight authority over the Commission  
14 on Navajo Government Development and the Office of Navajo Government  
15 Development. 2 N.N.C. § 970.  
16 B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation  
17 Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'iyáti' Committee to  
18 recommend all resolutions to the Navajo Nation Council on matters within the  
19 Committee's jurisdiction pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 701(A)(3).  
20 C. One member shall be nominated by the Legislative Branch through the [Naabik'iyáti'  
21 Committee] to serve a term of two years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo  
22 Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 972(A)(3).  
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28 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 29 A. The Commission on Navajo Government Development is an "entity created by the  
30 Navajo Nation Council with quasi-independent authority to accomplish the Council's

1 project of instituting reforms necessary to ensure an accountable and responsible  
2 government.” 2 N.N.C. § 970.

3 B. The Commission shall be responsible directly to the Navajo Nation Council with  
4 respect to overall activities. 2 N.N.C. § 970.

5 C. The purpose of the Commission on Navajo Government Development shall be as  
6 follows:

7 1. To review and evaluate all aspects of the existing government structure of the  
8 Navajo Nation including laws, rules and regulations, practices, functions,  
9 goals and objectives of the Navajo Nation government, which includes the  
10 central government, Chapters, townships and local communities.

11 2. To develop recommendations and proposals for government reform and  
12 alternative forms of Navajo Nation government.

13 2 N.N.C. § 971(A) and (B).

14 D. The Commission shall consist of twelve (12) members confirmed by and serving at the  
15 pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 972(A).

16 E. One member shall be nominated by the Executive Branch through the President of the  
17 Navajo Nation to serve term of two years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo  
18 nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 972(A)(1).

19 F. Commission members shall be chosen from among individuals who have  
20 demonstrated scholarship, strong sense of public interest, knowledge of Navajo  
21 history and cultural heritage, spiritual leadership, leadership in the Navajo  
22 government and abilities likely to contribute to the fulfillment of the duties of the  
23 Commission. 2 N.N.C. § 972(D).

24 G. Robert K. Black, the Executive Director of the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission, has  
25 expressed an interest in serving on the Navajo Government Development  
26 Commission. His letter of interest and résumé are attached as **Exhibit A**.

27 II. President Nez’s letter nominating Mr. Black is attached as **Exhibit B**.

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29 **SECTION THREE. APPOINTMENT**  
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1 The Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms the appointment of Robert K. Black as the  
2 Executive Branch representative to the Commission on Navajo Government  
3 Development. for a term of two years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation  
4 Council.

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