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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0243-19

DATE: August 2, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTÍ COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CASEY WATCHMAN TO THE NAVAJO NATION LABOR COMMISSION

PURPOSE: This resolution will confirm the appointment of Casey Watchman to the Navajo Nation Labor 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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AN ACTION

RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI COMMITTEE;
CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CASEY WATCHMAN TO THE NAVAJO
NATION LABOR COMMISSION

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 600(A).
- B. The Law and Order Committee is the oversight committee for the Navajo Nation Labor Commission. 2 N.N.C. § 601(C)(1).
- C. The Naabik'iyáti Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. Among other duties and responsibilities, the committee confirms those appointments to the Labor Commission made by the President of the Navajo Nation. 15 N.N.C. § 303(A).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Navajo Nation Labor Commission is established to "hear and adjudicate cases as the quasi-judicial hearing body under the Navajo Preference in Employment Act." 15 N.N.C. §302(A).

- 1 B. The membership of the Labor Commission consists of five members. 15 N.N.C.
2 § 303(A). All five members must be licensed by the Navajo Nation Bar
3 Association. 15 N.N.C. § 303(B)(2). Of the five, two members must be state
4 licensed attorneys, in Arizona, New Mexico or Utah. 15 N.N.C. § 303(B)(3).
- 5 C. Two of the members of the Labor Commission are appointed by the Health,
6 Education and Human Services Committee. 15 N.N.C. § 303(A). Three
7 members are appointed by the President of the Navajo Nation, with concurrence
8 of the Naabik'iyáti Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 15 N.N.C. §
9 303(A).
- 10 D. Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez has appointed Mr. Casey Watchman. Mr.
11 Watchman is a licensed member of the Navajo Nation Bar Association, and
12 pursuant to 15 N.N.C. § 303(B), is familiar with Navajo Nation labor practices,
13 human resources and employment. See Exhibit "A," appointment letter and
14 application.

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16 **SECTION THREE. APPOINTMENT CONFIRMATION**

17 The Naabik'iyáti Committee hereby confirms the appointment of Mr. Casey
18 Watchman to the Navajo Nation Labor Commission. Mr. Watchman, pursuant to 15
19 N.N.C. § 303(D), shall serve a 4-year term.

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