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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0348-19

DATE: November 15, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF EMERSON JOHN TO THE NAVAJO NATION BOARD OF EDUCATION

PURPOSE: The purpose of this legislation is to confirm the appointment of Emerson John 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.

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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2019

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACTION
RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES;
CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF EMERSON JOHN TO THE 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 law provides. “[s]ix Board members shall be appointed to six year terms by the President of the

1 Navajo Nation and confirmed by the [Health, Education and Human Services]
2 Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. These members will be appointed on order to
3 ensure that a variety of experience and knowledge is present on the Board.” 10 N. N. C.
4 § 106 (B)(3).

5 C. Qualifications for the six appointed positions to the Navajo Nation Board of Education
6 are stated as follows – two appointed Board members will be individuals who are
7 recognized for their knowledge of traditional Navajo culture; 10 N. N. C.
8 §106(C)(1)(a); one appointed Board member will be a school administrator working on
9 the Navajo Nation; 10 N. N. C. §106 (C)(1)(b); two appointed Board member will be
10 parents of at least one child enrolled in a Kindergarten, elementary, or secondary
11 program on the Navajo Nation; 10 N. N. C. §106 (C)(1)(c); and, one appointed Board
12 member will be a teacher employed in a Bureau of Indian Affairs funded or state public
13 school operating on the Navajo Nation; 10 N. N. C. §106(C)(1)(d).

14 D. Pursuant to appointment provisions applicable to the Navajo Nation Board of
15 Education, the Navajo Nation President has appointed Emerson John, as the traditional
16 Navajo culture representative. Mr. John’s letter of appointment is attached as **Exhibit**
17 **A** and his qualifications and interests are provided in **Exhibit B**.

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19 **Section Three. Confirmation of Appointment**

20 The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby
21 confirms the appointment of Mr. Emerson John, to the Navajo Nation Board of Education. Mr.
22 John shall serve in the traditional Navajo culture representative position on the Board, as
23 provided in 10 N. N. C. § 106(C)(1)(a). Mr. John shall serve a term of six (6) years from the
24 date of confirmation, consistent with 10 N. N. C. § 106(B).