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TITLE: An Action Relating to Naabik'iyáti Committee and the Navajo Nation Council; confirming the appointment of Larry Rodgers to the Commission on Navajo Government Development for a term of two years as the Legislative Branch Representative

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET
Tracking No. 0361-19

DATE: November 21, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'YATI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF LARRY RODGERS TO THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS AS THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is confirm the appointment of Larry Rodgers to the Commission on Navajo Government Development.

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 – First Year, 2019

3 INTRODUCED BY

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6 TRACKING NO. DB61-19

7 AN ACTION

8 RELATING TO NAABIK'IYATI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION
9 COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF LARRY RODGERS TO THE
10 COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM OF
11 TWO YEARS AS THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE

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

21 F. Larry Rodgers, the Executive Director of the Eastern Navajo Land Commission, has
22 expressed an interest in serving on the Navajo Government Development
23 Commission. His letter of interest and résumé are attached as **Exhibit A**.

24 G. Memoranda from the Executive Director of the Office of Navajo Government
25 Development are attached as **Exhibit B**.

26 H. Two resolution approved by the Commission on Navajo Government Development,
27 CNDG-1202-17 and CNDG-0201-19, are attached as **Exhibits C and D**, respectively.

1 **SECTION THREE. APPOINTMENT**

2 The Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms the appointment of Larry Rodgers as the
3 Legislative Branch representative to the Commission on Navajo Government
4 Development, for a term of two years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation
5 Council.

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