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**TITLE: An Action Relating to Naabik'íyáti' Committee; Confirming the Appointment of Mr. Stanford Lake to Serve on the Navajo Housing Authority Board of Commissioners to fulfill the 6 N.N.C. § 606 (B) Position of the "Construction Management Engineering or Business Management or Equivalent Field Experience with Background in Indian Housing or Federal Housing"**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**  
**Tracking No. 0032-21**

**DATE:** February 25, 2021

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. STANFORD LAKE TO SERVE ON THE NAVAJO HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO FILL THE 6 N.N.C. § 606 (B) POSITION OF THE "CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OR ENGINEERING OR BUSINESS MANAGEMENT OR EQUIVALENT FIELD EXPERIENCE WITH BACKGROUND IN INDIAN HOUSING OR FEDERAL HOUSING"

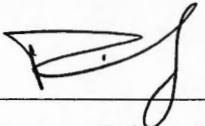
**PURPOSE:** If approved by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee, this legislation would, pursuant to 6 N.N.C. 606 (B), confirm the appointment of Mr. Stanford Lake to serve on the Navajo Housing Authority Board of Commissioners to fill the position of the "construction management or engineering or business management or equivalent field experience with background in Indian Housing or Federal Housing." Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. § 607, Mr. Stanford Lake would be appointed for the remainder of the term of his successor; therefore his term would end on May 25, 2021.

**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  
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TRACKING NO. 0032-21

AN ACTION  
RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE  
APPOINTMENT OF MR. STANFORD LAKE TO SERVE ON THE NAVAJO  
HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO FILL THE 6 N.N.C. §  
606 (B) POSITION OF THE "CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OR  
ENGINEERING OR BUSINESS MANAGEMENT OR EQUIVALENT FIELD  
EXPERIENCE WITH BACKGROUND IN INDIAN HOUSING OR FEDERAL  
HOUSING"

**SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- A. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. §606 (A), [t]he Board Members shall be appointed, and may be reappointed, by the Nominations Committee composed of the Navajo Nation President, Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, Resources and Development Committee designee, and confirmed by the Naabik'iyati' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.
- B. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. §606 (A), a resolution of the Naabik'iyati' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council as to the appointment or reappointment of any Commissioner shall be conclusive evidence of the due and proper appointment of the Commissioner.

**SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 1 A. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. § 602 (A), the Navajo Nation established a public body of the  
2 Navajo Nation known as the Navajo Housing Authority (Authority) to: remedy  
3 unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions that are injurious to the public health, safety  
4 and morals; alleviate the acute shortage of decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings for  
5 persons of low income; provide employment opportunities through the construction,  
6 reconstruction, improvement, extension, alteration or repair operation of low income  
7 dwellings; and promote economic growth and development activities within and near  
8 the Navajo Nation. *See* 6 N.N.C. § 604 (A)-(D).
- 9 B. The affairs of the Authority shall be managed by a Board of Commissioners  
10 composed of five persons. 6 N.N.C. § 605; CJA-13-17.
- 11 C. "One Commissioner shall have construction management or engineering or business  
12 management or equivalent field experience with background in Indian Housing or  
13 Federal Housing." 6 N.N.C. § 606 (B); CJA-13-17.
- 14 D. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. § 606 the Nominations Committee, composed of the Navajo  
15 Nation President, Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, Resources and Development  
16 Committee designee, has appointed Mr. Stanford Lake. The appointment letter is  
17 attached as **Exhibit A**.
- 18 E. Mr. Lake's letter of interest is attached as **Exhibit B**. Mr. Lake states that he has "21  
19 years [of] experience in design and construction sector." He also states that he has  
20 "experiences with planning with different tribes in the southwest including Navajo  
21 Nation, with county building departments, and latest building codes." He also has  
22 "experiences running my own business for five years... ."
- 23 F. A majority of the Commissioners shall be members of the Navajo Nation. 6 N.N.C. §  
24 606 (B); CJA-13-17. Mr. Stanford Lake's Navajo Nation Certificate of Indian Blood  
25 is attached as **Exhibit C**.
- 26 G. "The term of office shall be four years and staggered. When a Board is first  
27 established, one member's term shall be designated to expire in one year, another to  
28 expire in two years, a third to expire in three years, and the last two in four years.  
29 Thereafter, all appointments shall be for four (4) years, except that in the case of a  
30 prior vacancy, an appointment shall be only for the length of the unexpired term.

1 Each member of the Board shall hold office until his successor has been duly  
2 appointed.” 6 N.N.C. § 607.

3 H. The current Navajo Housing Authority Board of Commissioners member filling the  
4 position of “construction management or engineering or business management or  
5 equivalent field experience with background in Indian Housing or Federal Housing”  
6 is Ms. Derrith Watchman-Moore who was confirmed through Resolution NABIMY-  
7 46-17. Ms. Watchman-Moore has submitted a letter of resignation, attached as  
8 **Exhibit D**. Ms. Watchman-Moore’s four year term expires on May 25, 2021.

9 I. The duration of Mr. Lake’s appointment shall be in accordance with 6 N.N.C. § 607  
10 which states: “in the case of a prior vacancy, an appointment shall be only for the  
11 length of the unexpired term. Each member of the Board shall hold office until his  
12 successor has been duly appointed.” Therefore, Mr. Lake’s term shall end on May  
13 25, 2021.

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15 **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT**

16 A. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. 606 (B), the Naabik’iyati’ Committee hereby confirms the  
17 appointment of Mr. Stanford Lake to serve on the Navajo Housing Authority Board  
18 of Commissioners to fill the 6 N.N.C. § 606 (B) position of the “construction  
19 management or engineering or business management or equivalent field experience  
20 with background in Indian Housing or Federal Housing.”

21 B. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. § 607, Mr. Stanford Lake is appointed for the remainder of the  
22 term of his successor; therefore Mr. Lake’s term will end on May 25, 2021.  
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