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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee and Navajo Nation Council; Confirming the Appointment of Mrs. Loretta T. Seweinyawma to the Commission on Navajo Government Development, for a Term of Four Years, as the Western Navajo Agency Council Representative

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0070-21

DATE: April 7, 2021

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYATI' COMMITTEE AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MRS. LORETTA T. SEWEINGYAWMA TO THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT, FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, AS THE WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

PURPOSE: To appoint Mrs. Loretta T. Seweinyawma as the Western Navajo Agency Council Representative to serve a term of four (4) years.

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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1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
2 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Third Year 2021

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13 AGENCY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

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15 **BE IT ENACTED:**

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17 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- 18 A. The Naabik'iyati' Committee has legislative oversight authority over the Commission
19 on Navajo Government Development and the Office of Navajo Government
20 Development. 2 N.N.C. § 970.
21 B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyati' Committee as a Navajo Nation
22 Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'iyati' Committee to
23 recommend all resolutions to the Navajo Nation Council on matters within the
24 Committee's jurisdiction pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 701 (A)(3).
25 C. The Navajo Nation Council confirms appointments to the Commission on Navajo
26 Government Development. 2 N.N.C. § 972 (A)(5).
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28 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

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

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

3 B. The Commission consists of twelve (12) members confirmed by and serving at the
4 pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 972 (A).

5 C. Five (5) members shall be nominated from the five (5) agencies of the Navajo Nation.
6 Each agency council shall nominate one (1) member from recommendations to be
7 submitted by chapters in each agency, said nominee shall be either Chapter officers,
8 local Government/Governance Commissioners, Grazing Committee/Land Board
9 members, or school board members. These members shall serve a term of four (4) years
10 from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 972 (A)(5).

11 D. Commission members shall be chosen from among individuals who have demonstrated
12 scholarship, a strong sense of civic interest, knowledge of Dine' history and cultural
13 heritage, spiritual leadership, leadership in the Navajo government and abilities likely
14 to contribute to the fulfillment of the duties of the commission. 2 N.N.C. § 972 (D).

15 E. Mrs. Loretta T. Seweinyawma has been nominated and recommended to the
16 appointment, by Western Navajo Agency Council Resolution WNAC21-03-NB1,
17 **Exhibit A**, to fill the Western Navajo Agency Council Representative position. Mrs.
18 Seweinyawma's letter of interest and resume are attached as **Exhibit B**.

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20 **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMATION**

21 The Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms the appointment of Mrs. Loretta T.
22 Seweinyawma as the Western Navajo Agency Council Representative, to the
23 Commission on Navajo Government Development, for a term of four (4) years from the
24 date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council.