LEGISLATION NO: _0070-21__ SPONSOR: Paul Begay

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

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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. Seweingyawma 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.
PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Third Year 2021

INTRODUCED BY

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TRACKING NO. 0070-21
AN ACTION
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BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY
A. The Naabik’iyati’ Committee has legislative oversight authority over the Commission on Navajo Government Development and the Office of Navajo Government Development. 2 N.N.C. § 970.
B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik’iyati’ Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik’iyati’ Committee to recommend all resolutions to the Navajo Nation Council on matters within the Committee’s jurisdiction pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 701 (A)(3).
C. The Navajo Nation Council confirms appointments to the Commission on Navajo Government Development. 2 N.N.C. § 972 (A)(5).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS
A. The Commission on Navajo Government Development is a special entity created by the Navajo Nation Council with quasi-independent authority to accomplish the
People’s project of instituting reforms necessary to ensure an accountable and responsible government. 2 N.N.C. § 970.

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

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

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

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

SECTION THREE. CONFIRMATION

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