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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee and Navajo Nation Council; Confirming the Appointment of Mr. James Benally to the Commission on Navajo Government Development, for a Term of Four Years, as the Northern Navajo Agency Council Representative

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Tracking No. 0072-21

DATE: April 8, 2021

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYATI' COMMITTEE AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. JAMES BENALLY TO THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT, FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, AS THE NORTHERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

PURPOSE: To confirm the appointment of Mr. James Benally to the Commission On Navajo Government Development, as the Northern Navajo Agency Council Representative, to serve a term of four (4) years.

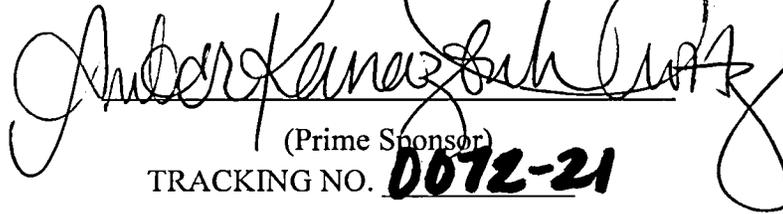
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11 THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT, FOR A TERM
12 OF FOUR YEARS, AS THE NORTHERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL
13 REPRESENTATIVE

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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)
10 years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 972
11 (A)(5).

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

16 E. Mr. James Benally has been nominated and recommended to the appointment, by
17 Northern Navajo Agency Council Resolution NNAC-102-2021, **Exhibit A**, to fill the
18 Northern Navajo Agency Council Representative position. Mr. Benally's letter of
19 interest and resume are attached as **Exhibit B**.

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21 **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMATION**

22 The Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms the appointment of Mr. James Benally as the
23 Northern Navajo Agency Council Representative, to the Commission on Navajo
24 Government Development, for a term of four (4) years from the date of confirmation by
25 the Navajo Nation Council.