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TITLE: An Action Relating to Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Confirming the Appointment of Mr. Stanford Lake to Serve on the 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"

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0101-21

DATE: June 14, 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 to a four year term.

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 STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Third Year, 2021

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6 (Prime Sponsor) *Steve Lake*

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8 AN ACTION

9 RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE
10 APPOINTMENT OF MR. STANFORD LAKE TO SERVE ON THE NAVAJO
11 HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO FILL THE 6 N.N.C. §
12 606 (B) POSITION OF THE "CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OR
13 ENGINEERING OR BUSINESS MANAGEMENT OR EQUIVALENT FIELD
14 EXPERIENCE WITH BACKGROUND IN INDIAN HOUSING OR FEDERAL
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19 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

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

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29 **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 previous term of Navajo Housing Authority Board of Commissioners member
4 filling the position of “construction management or engineering or business
5 management or equivalent field experience with background in Indian Housing or
6 Federal Housing” expired on May 25, 2021, NABIMY-46-17. Therefore, Mr.
7 Stanford Lake is to be appointed to a four year term.

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9 **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT**

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

15 B. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. § 607, Mr. Stanford Lake is appointed for a four year term.
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