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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee and Navajo Nation Council; Confirming the Navajo Nation Presidential Appointment of Mr. Zane James, to the Commission on Navajo Government Development, to Serve a Term of Four (4) Years

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0126-21

DATE: July 20, 2021

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYATI' COMMITTEE AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT OF MR. ZANE JAMES, TO THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT, TO SERVE A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS

PURPOSE: An action related to the Naabik'iyati' Committee and Navajo Nation Council; confirming the Navajo Nation Presidential appointment of Mr. Zane James, to the Commission on Navajo Government Development, to serve a term of four (4) years upon confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council.

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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8 AN ACTION

9 RELATING TO THE NAABIK'İYATI' COMMITTEE AND NAVAJO NATION
10 COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENTIAL
11 APPOINTMENT OF MR. ZANE JAMES, TO THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO
12 GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT, TO SERVE A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS
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14 **BE IT ENACTED:**

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16 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

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

- 28 A. The Commission on Navajo Government Development is a special entity created by
29 the Navajo Nation Council with quasi-independent authority to accomplish the
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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. One (1) member shall be nominated by the Executive Branch through the President of
6 the Navajo Nation to serve a term of four (4) years from the date of confirmation by
7 the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 972 (A)(1).

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

12 E. Mr. Zane James has been appointed by Navajo Nation President, Jonathan Nez, to
13 fulfill the Executive Branch appointment. *See* letter dated May 13, 2021 attached as
14 **Exhibit A**. Mr. James' letter of interest and resume are attached as **Exhibit B**.

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16 **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMATION**

17 The Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms the Navajo Nation Presidential appointment
18 of Mr. Zane James, to the Commission on Navajo Government Development, to serve a
19 term of four (4) years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council.
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