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TITLE: An Action Relating to Resources and Development; Confirming the Reappointment of Robert Roessel to Serve on the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority Management Board of Directors for a Term of Three Years

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET
Tracking No. 0185-21

DATE: August 31, 2021

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT; CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBERT ROESSEL TO SERVE ON THE NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS

PURPOSE: This legislation would approve the reappointment of Mr. Robert Roessel as a director for the NTUA Management Board as set forth in 21 N.N.C. § 9 (B)(1)-(2), and thereby reappoint Mr. Roessel for a term of three years, with the term expiring at the annual board meeting in October 2023.

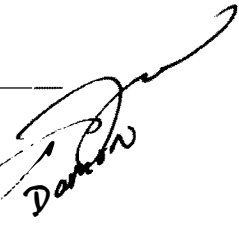
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17 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

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19 A. The Resources and Development Committee was established as a standing
20 committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §§ 500(A).

21 B. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 500(C), the Resources and Development Committee shall
22 exercise oversight authority over public utilities.

23 C. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 501(B)(9), Resources and Development Committee has
24 the authority to grant final confirmation of appointments to enterprise boards.
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26 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

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28 A. Pursuant to 21 N.N.C. § 2, the Navajo Nation established the Navajo Tribal Utility
29 Authority (NTUA) as an enterprise.
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- 1 B. The NTUA is authorized to acquire, construct, operate and maintain utility systems
2 throughout the Navajo Nation. See 21 N.N.C. § 1(B).
- 3 C. The general purpose of NTUA is to operate, maintain and promote existing utility
4 systems furnishing electric, gas, water, sewer utility services; generation, and
5 telecommunications and information services for the benefit of residents of the Navajo
6 Nation; including the establishment, ownership, operation and maintenance of electric
7 generating, telecommunications and information services on or off the Navajo
8 Reservation; and to provide utility generation, telecommunications and information
9 services on a non-profit basis and at a reasonable cost to residents of the Navajo Nation
10 consistent with the economical operations of the Enterprise. See 21 N.N.C. § 5(A)(1)-
11 (6).
- 12 D. The NTUA Management Board shall have the delegated authority and responsibility
13 for the management and operation of the Enterprise. See 21 N.N.C. § 7 (1).
- 14 E. The management board shall consist of seven (7) persons, all of whom shall be
15 appointed by the Government Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council;
16 whose authority to confirm appointments to enterprise boards has been delegated to
17 the Resources and Development Committee. See 21 N.N.C. § 9 (A); See also 2 N.N.C.
18 § 501 (B)(9).
- 19 F. Members of the board shall be called directors, and shall have the following
20 qualifications: (1) [f]our of the directors shall be members of the Navajo Nation who
21 speak English with fluently and who have sufficient education and experience to
22 qualify them for learning utility business practices and procedures and making sound
23 judgments; (2) [f]our of the directors shall be persons having not less than 10 years'
24 experience in business management of substantial character and at least two of such
25 persons shall have had such experience in the management and operation of a utility
26 business. See 21 N.N.C. § 9(B)(1)-(2).
- 27 G. Vacancies in the management board may be filled for an unexpired term of the vacant
28 office. See 21 N.N.C. § 9 (C)(2).
- 29 H. Directors shall be eligible for reappointment. See 21 N.N.C. § 9(C)(1).
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- I. RDCMF-17-18 appointed Robert Roessel to the NTUA Management Board for a term of three years that expired at the annual board meeting in October 2020. The appointing resolution RDCMF-17-18 is attached as **Exhibit 1**.
- J. On October 23, 2020, Robert Roessel was recommended to be reappointed by the NTUA Management Board resolution NTUA-37-20 which attached as **Exhibit 2**.
- K. Robert Roessel meets the qualifications listed under 21 N.N.C. § 9(B)(1)-(2). Robert Roessel’s resume is attached as RDCMF-17-18 Exhibit C which is attached in **Exhibit 1**.
- L. The reappointment of Robert Roessel will be for a period of three years starting from October 2020 and will expire with the annual board meeting in October 2023. See 21 N.N.C. § 9(C)(2).

SECTION THREE. CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT

The Resources and Development Committee finds that Robert Roessel meets the required qualifications to be reappointed as a director for the NTUA Management Board as set forth in 21 N.N.C. § 9 (B)(1)-(2), and hereby confirms the reappointment of Robert Roessel for a term of three years, with the term expiring at the annual board meeting in October 2023.