TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services and Naabik’íyáti’ Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Confirming the Appointment of Dr. Harold G. Begay as Superintendent of Schools for the Department of Dine Education

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DATE: November 17, 2021

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK’IYATÍ COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. HAROLD G. BEGAY AS SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DİNE EDUCATION

PURPOSE: If approved, this resolution will confirm the appointment of Dr. Harold G. Begay as Superintendent of Schools for the Department of Diné Education and serve at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Board of Education.

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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(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0243-21

AN ACTION

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NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL;
CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. HAROLD G. BEGAY AS
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DINÉ
EDUCATION

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITIES

A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of
the Navajo Nation Council and has the authority to review and recommend
resolutions relating to education. 2 N.N.C. §§ 400(A), 401(B)(6)(a).

B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee also has oversight authority
over the Department of Diné Education and the Navajo Nation Board of Education. 2
N.N.C. § 401(C)(1)(3).

C. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council
and has the power to recommend resolutions to the Navajo Nation Council on matters
within the Committee's jurisdiction. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700(A), 701(A)(3).

D. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §
102(A).
E. The Navajo Nation Superintendent of Schools shall be appointed by the Navajo Nation Board of Education, subject to confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council, and shall be empowered to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the responsibilities of the Navajo Nation Board of Education. 10 N.N.C. § 106(G)(2)(a), and 2 N.N.C. § 1802(A)

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1802 (A), the Department of Diné Education is “under the immediate direction of the Navajo Nation Superintendent of Schools, subject to the overall direction of the Navajo Nation Board of Education. The Navajo Nation Superintendent of Schools is appointed by the Navajo Nation Board of Education, subject to confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council.”

B. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1802(B), “[t]he Navajo Nation Superintendent of Schools shall serve at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Board of Education.” As “chief administrative officer of the Board,” the Superintendent is “empowered to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the responsibilities of the Board.” 10 N.N.C. § 106(G)(2)(a).

C. On November 9, 2021, the Navajo Nation Board of Education appointed and recommended the confirmation of Dr. Harold G. Begay as the Superintendent of Schools for the Department of Diné Education pursuant to Resolution No. NNBEN0-764-2021, attached as Exhibit A.

D. Dr. Harold G. Begay provided his letter of interest, curriculum vitae, Arizona Department of Education Certificate, and Ph.D. diploma in Exhibit A-1

E. It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to confirm the appointment of Dr. Harold G. Begay as the Superintendent of Schools for the Department of Diné Education.
SECTION THREE. CONFIRMATION

The Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms the appointment of Dr. Harold G. Begay as the Superintendent of Schools for the Department of Diné Education, to serve at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Board of Education.