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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0188-22

DATE: September 29, 2022

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING MICHELE T. JONES AS THE NAVAJO GAMING REGULATORY OFFICE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PURPOSE: The purpose of this legislation is to confirm Michele T. Jones as the Navajo Gaming Regulatory Office Executive Director.

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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13 JONES AS THE NAVAJO GAMING REGULATORY OFFICE EXECUTIVE
14 DIRECTOR

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16 BE IT ENACTED:

17 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITIES**

- 18 A. The Navajo Gaming Regulatory Office is established within the Executive Branch of the
19 Navajo Nation, with legislative oversight by the Resources and Development Committee
20 of the Navajo Nation Council. 5 N.N.C. § 2006.
21 B. A proposed resolution requiring final action by the Navajo Nation Council shall be
22 assigned to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(9).

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24 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 25 A. The Navajo Gaming Regulatory Office shall consist of an Executive Director, Inspectors
26 and such assistants and other staff as the Executive Director shall determine are required
27 from time to time, subject to funding provided by the Navajo Nation Council. 5 N.N.C. §
28 2007 (A).
29 B. The Executive Director of the Gaming Regulatory Office shall be retained by contract by
30 the President of the Navajo Nation, such contract being approved by the Navajo Nation

1 Council for a four-year term, and such contract being executed by the President. 5 N.N.C.
2 § 2007 (B).

3 C. The job performance of the Executive Director shall be reviewed periodically by the
4 President who shall submit a written report of each such review to the Speaker of the
5 Navajo Nation Council. 5 N.N.C. § 2007 (B).

6 D. The Executive Director of the Gaming Regulatory Office shall be removable only for
7 breach of contract. 5 N.N.C. § 2007 (B).

8 E. The background of the Executive Director of the Gaming Regulatory Office shall be
9 investigated by the Nation's Personnel Department to ensure qualification for
10 employment. 5 N.N.C. § 2007 (F).

11 F. The Executive Director shall be a person of the utmost honesty and integrity, shall not
12 have been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor involving theft, embezzlement or a
13 crime involving moral turpitude, whose prior activities, reputation, habits and
14 associations shall not pose a threat to the public interest or to the effective regulation of
15 gaming, or create or, enhance the dangers of unsuitable, unfair, or illegal practices and
16 methods and activities in the conduct of gaming. 5 N.N.C. § 2007 (C).

17 G. The contract shall further require the Executive Director to have a bachelor's degree in
18 business administration or related field and at least six years of experience in gaming
19 management and/or regulation, or the contract shall require the Executive Director to
20 have a master's degree in business administration or related field and at least four years
21 of experience in gaming management and/or regulation. 5 N.N.C. § 2007 (D).

22 H. Michele T. Jones education and experience are listed in her resume attached as **Exhibit B**
23 and copy of her degree is attached as **Exhibit C**.

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25 **SECTION THREE. APPROVING CONTRACT**

26 A. The Navajo Nation Council hereby approves the contract, attached as **Exhibit A**, between
27 the President of the Navajo Nation and Michele T. Jones as the Executive Director for
28 Navajo Gaming Regulatory Office, pursuant to 5 N.N.C. § 2007 (B).