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TITLE: An Action Relating to Law and Order and Naabik'iyáti Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Confirming the Appointment of Ethel B. Branch as the Navajo Nation Attorney General

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0049-23

DATE: March 31, 2023

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ETHEL B. BRANCH AS THE NAVAJO NATION ATTORNEY GENERAL

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, will appoint and confirm Ethel B. Branch as Attorney General of the Navajo Nation.

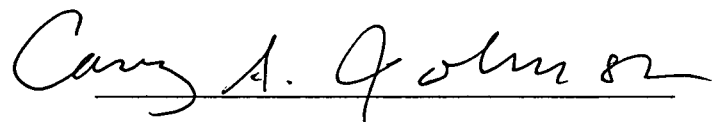
This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each committee member to review the proposed resolution in detail.

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Navajo Nation Council

1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
2 25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2023

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13 ETHEL B. BRANCH AS THE NAVAJO NATION ATTORNEY GENERAL
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15 BE IT ENACTED:

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17 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 18 A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation and shall confirm the
19 appointments of all division directors upon recommendation from the appropriate oversight
20 committee. 2 N.N.C. §§ 102 (A) and (F).
21 B. A proposed resolution requiring final action by the Navajo Nation Council shall be assigned
22 to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(9).
23 C. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with
24 oversight authority over the Navajo Nation Department of Justice. 2 N.N.C. § 501 (C)(1).
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26 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- 27 A. The Navajo Nation Council appoints the Navajo Nation Attorney General at the
28 recommendation of the Navajo Nation President. 2 N.N.C. §1962(B).
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1 B. The Navajo Nation President recommends Ethel B. Branch as the Navajo Nation
2 Attorney General. Ms. Branch's appointment letter and résumé are attached as
3 **Exhibit A.**

4 C. The Navajo Nation Attorney General serves at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation
5 Council. 2 N.N.C. §1962(B).
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7 **SECTION THREE. APPOINTMENT AND CONFIRMATION**

8 A. The Navajo Nation Council appoints and confirms Ethel. B. Branch as the Navajo
9 Nation Attorney General.

10 B. Ms. Branch shall serve at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council and her term shall
11 run concurrent with the Navajo Nation President's term.
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