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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Resources and Development, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Confirming the Appointment of Stephen B. Etsitty as Executive Director of the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0055-23

DATE: March 31, 2023

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEPHEN B. ETSITTY AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NAVAJO NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, will appoint and confirm Stephen Etsitty as Director of the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency.

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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Resources & Development Committee
Thence
Naabik'iyáti' Committee
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Navajo Nation Council

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

3 INTRODUCED BY

4 _____ *Carey A. Johnson*
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6 (Prime Sponsor)

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14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NAVAJO NATION ENVIRONMENTAL
15 PROTECTION AGENCY

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17 BE IT ENACTED

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19 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 20 A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation and shall
21 confirm the appointments of all division directors upon recommendation from the
22 appropriate oversight committee. 2 N.N.C. §§ 102 (A) and (F).
23 B. A proposed resolution requiring final action by the Navajo Nation Council shall be
24 assigned to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(9).
25 C. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo
26 Nation Council with oversight authority over the Navajo Nation Environmental
27 Protection Agency and the responsibility to recommend the appointment of the Director
28 of the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency. 2 N.N.C. §§ 501 (C)(1) and
29 1923.
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1 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

2 A. The Navajo Nation Code provides, “[t]he Environmental Protection Agency shall be
3 administered by a Director who shall be appointed by the President of the Navajo
4 Nation, subject to confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council, upon the
5 recommendation of the Resources [and Development] Committee of the Navajo
6 Nation Council.” 2 N.N.C. §1923.

7 B. The Navajo Nation President appoints Stephen B. Etsitty as the Director of the Navajo
8 Nation Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Etsitty’s appointment letter and
9 resume are attached as **Exhibit A**.

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11 **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMATION**

12 The Navajo Nation Council confirms the Navajo Nation President’s appointment of
13 Stephen B. Etsitty as the Director of the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection
14 Agency.