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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0217-23

DATE: August 28, 2023

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DERRICK WATCHMAN TO THE NAVAJO NATION GAMING ENTERPRISE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this legislation is, pursuant to 5 N.N.C. § 1707(C), to confirm the appointment of Mr. Derrick Watchman to serve on the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors for a four-year term.

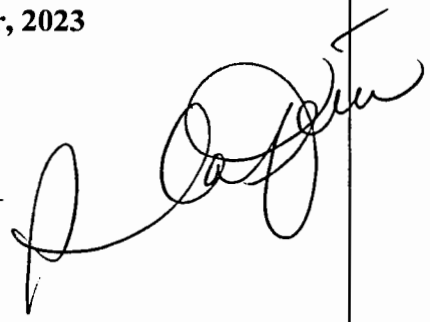
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12 APPOINTMENT OF DERRICK WATCHMAN TO THE NAVAJO NATION
13 GAMING ENTERPRISE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM

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15 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- 16 A. The Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise (Enterprise) Board of Directors (Board) are
17 subject to confirmation by the Naabik'iyáti Committee. 5 N.N.C. § 1707(C). *See also*
18 CO-72-18.
- 19 B. The Navajo Nation Council has legislative oversight over the Enterprise. 5 N.N.C. §
20 1718.

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22 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 23 A. Pursuant to 5 N.N.C. § 1707(C), the President of the Navajo Nation shall select Navajo
24 Nation Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors members. President Nygren selected
25 Derrick Watchman to the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors. The
26 Navajo Nation President's letter of appointment of Mr. Watchman is attached as
27 **Exhibit A.**
- 28 B. *At all times the nominees and the Directors shall possess the following qualifications:*
29 *(1) shall have demonstrable knowledge of Class II and Class III gaming operations*
30 *and work experience in the gaming industry; (2) shall be at least 25 years of age; (3)*

1 shall possess a bachelors and/or graduate degree, preferably in finance, accounting,
2 marketing, economics, management, law or related fields; (4) shall have a minimum of
3 seven (7) years mid-level management experience; preferred experience will take into
4 account 12 years of mid-level or executive experience; (5) not be a board member of a
5 Navajo Nation-owned corporation, enterprise or authority; and (6) shall not be a
6 public official or public employee of the Navajo Nation. 5 N.N.C. § 1707(G). See also
7 CO-72-18. Mr. Watchman's letter of interest and résumé are attached as **Exhibits B**
8 and **C**.

9 C. Each appointee for the position of the Board of the Enterprise shall obtain a Gaming
10 Facility Operator's License from the Gaming Regulatory Office before submission of
11 the appointment to the Naabik'íyáti Committee for confirmation. 5 N.N.C. § 1707(H).
12 Mr. Watchman's Gaming Facility Operator's License attached as **Exhibit D**.

13 D. The Board shall consist of nine members and at least five members shall be enrolled
14 members of the Navajo Nation. 5 N.N.C. §§ 1707(B) and 1707(D). See also CO-72-
15 18. Mr. Watchman's Certificate of Navajo Indian Blood is attached was **Exhibit E**.

16 E. Mr. Watchman possesses the qualifications to be a Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise
17 Board member.

18 F. Mr. Watchman's appointment term is for a four-year term. He shall hold office until
19 the qualification and selection of his successor. 5 N.N.C. §§ 1707(F) and 1707(I).

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21 **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT**

22 Pursuant to 5 N.N.C. § 1707(C), the Navajo Nation hereby confirms the appointment of
23 Mr. Derrick Watchman to serve on the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise Board of
24 Directors for a four-year term beginning at the certification of this resolution.