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TITLE: An Action Relating to Naabik'íyáti' Committee; Confirming the Appointment of Mr. Marcus Denetdale to Serve on the Navajo Housing Authority Board of Commissioners to Fill the 6 N.N.C. § 606 (B) Position of the "Construction Management or Engineering or Business Management or Equivalent Field Experience with Background in Indian Housing or Federal Housing"

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0222-23

DATE: August 21, 2023

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. MARCUS DENETDALE TO SERVE ON THE NAVAJO HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO FILL THE 6 N.N.C. § 606 (B) POSITION OF THE "CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OR ENGINEERING OR BUSINESS MANAGEMENT OR EQUIVALENT FIELD EXPERIENCE WITH BACKGROUND IN INDIAN HOUSING OR FEDERAL HOUSING"

PURPOSE: The purpose of this legislation is to approve the confirm the appointment of Mr. Marcus Denetdale to serve on the Navajo Housing Authority Board of Commissioners to fill the 6 N.N.C. § 606 (B) position of the "construction management or engineering or business management or equivalent field experience with background in Indian Housing or Federal Housing." Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. § 607, Mr. Marcus Denetdale's term will expire on July 8, 2025.

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.

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

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12 APPOINTMENT OF MR. MARCUS DENETDALE TO SERVE ON THE NAVAJO
13 HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO FILL THE 6 N.N.C. §
14 606 (B) POSITION OF THE "CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OR
15 ENGINEERING OR BUSINESS MANAGEMENT OR EQUIVALENT FIELD
16 EXPERIENCE WITH BACKGROUND IN INDIAN HOUSING OR FEDERAL
17 HOUSING"

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19 **Section One. Authority**

- 20 A. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. §606 (A), [t]he Board Members shall be appointed, and may be
21 reappointed, by the Nominations Committee composed of the Navajo Nation President,
22 Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, Resources and Development Committee
23 designee, and confirmed by the Naabik'iyati' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.
24 B. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. §606 (A), a resolution of the Naabik'iyati' Committee of the
25 Navajo Nation Council as to the appointment or reappointment of any Commissioner
26 shall be conclusive evidence of the due and proper appointment of the Commissioner.

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28 **Section Two. Findings**

- 29 A. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. § 602 (A), the Navajo Nation established a public body of the
30 Navajo Nation known as the Navajo Housing Authority (Authority) to: remedy unsafe

1 and unsanitary housing conditions that are injurious to the public health, safety and
2 morals; alleviate the acute shortage of decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings for persons
3 of low income; provide employment opportunities through the construction,
4 reconstruction, improvement, extension, alteration or repair operation of low income
5 dwellings; and promote economic growth and development activities within and near
6 the Navajo Nation. *See* 6 N.N.C. § 604 (A)-(D).

7 B. The affairs of the Authority shall be managed by a Board of Commissioners composed
8 of five persons. 6 N.N.C. § 605; CJA-13-17.

9 C. "One Commissioner shall have construction management or engineering or business
10 management or equivalent field experience with background in Indian Housing or
11 Federal Housing." 6 N.N.C. § 606 (B); CJA-13-17.

12 D. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. § 606 the Nominations Committee, composed of the Navajo
13 Nation President, Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, Resources and Development
14 Committee designee, has appointed Mr. Marcus Denetdale. The appointment letter is
15 attached as **Exhibit A**.

16 E. Mr. Denetdale's résumé is attached as **Exhibit B**. Mr. Denetdale's résumé states that
17 he was the Program Manager of Construction in Indian Country with Arizona State
18 University, The Del E. Webb School of Construction for six years. One of his duties
19 included "[c]onstruction management training and education for tribal government,
20 housing authorities, education departments & facilities managers."

21 F. A majority of the Commissioners shall be members of the Navajo Nation. 6 N.N.C. §
22 606 (B); CJA-13-17. Mr. Marcus Denetdale's Navajo Nation Certificate of Indian
23 Blood is attached as **Exhibit C**.

24 G. "The term of office shall be four years and staggered. When a Board is first established,
25 one member's term shall be designated to expire in one year, another to expire in two
26 years, a third to expire in three years, and the last two in four years. Thereafter, all
27 appointments shall be for four (4) years, except that in the case of a prior vacancy, an
28 appointment shall be only for the length of the unexpired term. Each member of the
29 Board shall hold office until his successor has been duly appointed." 6 N.N.C. § 607.

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1 H. The previous term of Navajo Housing Authority Board of Commissioners member
2 filling the position of “construction management or engineering or business
3 management or equivalent field experience with background in Indian Housing or
4 Federal Housing” was to expire on July 8, 2025. NABIJY-16-21. Title Six N.N.C. §
5 607 states that “in the case of a prior vacancy, an appointment shall be only for the
6 length of the unexpired term.” Therefore, Mr. Marcus Denetdale’s term will expire on
7 July 8, 2025.
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9 **Section Three. Confirming Appointment**

10 A. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. 606 (B), the Naabik’iyati’ Committee hereby confirms the
11 appointment of Mr. Marcus Denetdale to serve on the Navajo Housing Authority Board
12 of Commissioners to fill the 6 N.N.C. § 606 (B) position of the “construction
13 management or engineering or business management or equivalent field experience
14 with background in Indian Housing or Federal Housing.”

15 B. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. § 607, Mr. Marcus Denetdale’s term will expire on July 8, 2025.
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