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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Resources and Development Committee;
Confirming the Reappointment of Belinda Eriacho, Who Possesses the
Qualifications Stated in 21 N.N.C. § 9 (B) to Serve on the Navajo Nation Tribal
Utility Authority Management Board of Directors**

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0019-25

DATE: February 19, 2025

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BELINDA ERIACHO, WHO POSSESSES THE QUALIFICATIONS STATED IN 21 N.N.C. § 9 (B) TO SERVE ON THE NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PURPOSE: The purpose of the resolution is to confirm the reappointment of Belinda Eriacho to serve on the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority's Management Board of Directors for a term ending at the annual board meeting in October 2027.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Resources and Development Committee

VOTE REQUIREMENT: Simple Majority Vote

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 POSSESSES THE QUALIFICATIONS STATED IN 21 N.N.C. § 9 (B) TO SERVE
14 ON THE NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT BOARD
15 OF DIRECTORS

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17 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 18 A. The Navajo Nation established the Resources and Development Committee as a
19 Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such gave the Committee oversight
20 authority over public utilities. 2 N.N.C. §§ 500 (A), (C).
21 B. Resources and Development Committee shall appoint directors to the Navajo Tribal
22 Utility Authority Management Board. 21 N.N.C. § 9 (A), CAP-19-24.
23 C. Resources and Development Committee has the authority to grant final confirmation
24 of appointments to enterprise boards. 2 N.N.C. § 501 (B) (9).
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26 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- 27 A. The Navajo Nation established the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (“NTUA”) as an
28 enterprise. 21 N.N.C. § 2.
29 B. The NTUA is authorized to acquire, construct, operate and maintain utility systems
30 throughout the Navajo Nation. 21 N.N.C. § 1 (B).

- 1 C. The general purpose of NTUA is to operate, maintain and promote existing utility
2 systems furnishing electric, gas, water, sewer utility services, generation, and
3 telecommunications and information services for the benefit of residents of the
4 Navajo Nation, including the establishment, ownership, operation and maintenance
5 of electric generating, telecommunications and information services on or off the
6 Navajo Reservation; and to provide utility generation, telecommunications and
7 information services on a non-profit basis and at a reasonable cost to residents of the
8 Navajo Nation consistent with the economical operations of the Enterprise. 21
9 N.N.C. § 5 (A) (1)-(6).
- 10 D. The NTUA Management Board shall have the delegated authority and responsibility
11 for the management and operation of the Enterprise. 21 N.N.C. § 7 (1).
- 12 E. The Management Board shall consist of seven persons, all of whom shall be appointed
13 by the Resources and Development Committee. 21 N.N.C. § 9 (A); CAP-19-24.
- 14 F. Members of the Board shall be called directors, and shall have the following
15 qualifications: (1) Four of the directors shall be members of the Navajo Nation who
16 speak English with fluency and who have sufficient education and experience to
17 qualify them for learning utility business practices and procedures and making sound
18 judgements; (2) Four of the directors shall be persons having not less than 10 years
19 experience in business management of substantial character and at least two of such
20 persons shall have had such experience in the management and operation of a utility
21 business. 21 N.N.C. § 9 (B) (1)-(2).
- 22 G. RDCN-38-21 reappointed Belinda Eriacho to the NTUA Management Board for a
23 term that expired at the annual board meeting in October 2024. The reappointment
24 resolution RDCN-38-21 (without exhibits) is attached as **Exhibit 1**.
- 25 H. On January 13, 2025, Ms. Belinda Eriacho was selected to be reappointed to the
26 NTUA Management Board. The Reappointment Letter is attached as **Exhibit 2**. Ms.
27 Belinda Eriacho's Letter of Interest is attached as **Exhibit 3**. Ms. Belinda Eriacho's
28 resume is attached as **Exhibit 4**.
- 29 I. Ms. Belinda Eriacho. meets the qualifications as required by 21 N.N.C. § 9 (B).
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1 J. The Resolution of the Management Board of the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority
2 NTUA-34-21 recommending the reappointment of Belinda Eriacho to the
3 Management Board of the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority is attached as **Exhibit 5**.

4 K. The appointment of Ms. Belinda Eriacho will be for a period beginning when this
5 resolution is certified and ending October 2027.

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7 **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT**

8 The Navajo Nation Council Resources and Development Committee finds that Ms.
9 Belinda Eriacho meets the requisite qualifications to be appointed as a Director for
10 the NTUA Management Board as set forth in 21 N.N.C. § 9 (B), and hereby confirms
11 Ms. Belinda Eriacho appointment for a term beginning on the date of certification of
12 this resolution and expiring at the annual board meeting on October 2027.