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**TITLE: An Action Relating to Resources and Development and Naabik'iyáti' Committees and Navajo Nation Council; Expressing No Confidence in the Executive Director of the Division of Natural Resources, Rescinding CAP-34-23, and Recommending Removal**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0054-25

**DATE:** April 16, 2025

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI COMMITTEES AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; EXPRESSING NO CONFIDENCE IN THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES, RESCINDING CAP-34-23, AND RECOMMENDING REMOVAL**

**PURPOSE:** This proposed resolution will rescind resolution no. CAP-34-23 and recommend the removal of Mr. Wilder Mike Halona as Executive Director of the Division of Natural Resources.

**FINAL AUTHORITY:** Navajo Nation Council

**VOTING REQUIREMENT:** Simple Majority

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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Navajo Nation Council

1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
2 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Third Year, 2025

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14 NATURAL RESOURCES, RESCINDING CAP-34-23, AND RECOMMENDING  
15 REMOVAL

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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 Division of Natural Resources and  
27 the responsibility to recommend the appointment of the Executive Director of the  
28 Division of Natural Resources to the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N. N. C. §§ 501 (C) (1)  
29 and 1905.  
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1 D. The Navajo Nation President appoints the Executive Director of the Navajo Nation  
2 Division of Natural Resources. 2 N.N.C. § 1903.

3 E. The appointed Executive Director serves at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation President  
4 and shall fulfill the purposes for the Division of Natural Resources set forth at 2 N.N.C.  
5 §§ 1902 and 1903.  
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7 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

8 A. On January 11, 2023, Navajo Nation President Dr. Buu Nygren appointed Mr. Wilder  
9 Mike Halona to serve as the Executive Director of the Division of Natural Resources.

10 B. Mr. Halona's appointment was confirmed by the 25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council on April  
11 21, 2023, through Resolution No. CAP-34-23.  
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13 **SECTION THREE. NO CONFIDENCE, RESCISSION OF CAP-34-23, AND**  
14 **RECOMMENDATION OF REMOVAL**

15 A. The Navajo Nation Council hereby expresses no confidence in the Division Director  
16 Mr. Wilder Mike Halona to continue in his respective position.

17 B. The Navajo Nation Council hereby rescinds Resolution No. CAP-34-23 in its entirety.

18 C. The Navajo Nation Council hereby recommends to the Navajo Nation President Dr.  
19 Buu Nygren to immediately remove Mr. Wilder Mike Halona as the Executive Director  
20 of the Division of Natural resources, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1903.  
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