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TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services and Naabik'iyáti' Committees; Confirming the Appointment of Mrs. Tara Denetsosie-Lovato to the Navajo Technical University Board of Regents Representing the Central Agency for a Staggered Term of Four Years

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0084-25

DATE: May 7, 2025

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MRS. TARA DENETSOSIE-LOVATO TO THE NAVAJO TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS REPRESENTING THE CENTRAL AGENCY FOR A STAGGERED TERM OF FOUR YEARS

PURPOSE: The purpose of this proposed resolution is to confirm the appointment of Mrs. Tara Denetsosie-Lovato to the Navajo Technical University Board of Regents representing the Central Agency for a staggered term of four years.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Naabik'íyátí' Committee

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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1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
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14 BOARD OF REGENTS REPRESENTING THE CENTRAL AGENCY FOR A
15 STAGGERED TERM OF FOUR YEARS

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17 BE IT ENACTED:

18 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 19 A. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 401(C)(3), the Health, Education and Human Services Committee
20 has oversight of the Navajo Nation Board of Education, and colleges within the Navajo
21 Nation, and has the authority to review and recommend resolutions relating to education
22 in accordance with 2 N.N.C. § 401(B)(6)(a).
23 B. Pursuant to 15 N.N.C. § 1204 (B), the President of the Navajo Nation shall appoint the
24 five members of the board who represent the five agencies of the Navajo Nation, subject
25 to confirmation by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. *See also*
26 CJY-35-13.

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28 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- 29 A. Pursuant to 15 N.N.C. § 1204 (A), the Corporation shall be governed by a board of
30 regents composed of six members. There shall be one member of the board appointed

1 from each of the five agencies of the Navajo Nation. These five Board members shall
2 have experience in the fields of education, business, science or technology or any other
3 related field, and at a minimum, a bachelor's degree. The President of the Student Senate
4 of the Navajo Technical University shall serve as a member of the Board by virtue of
5 his/her office and shall be a voting member of the Board. *See also* CJY-35-12.

6 B. Pursuant to 15 N.N.C. § 1204 (C), Board members shall serve terms of four years each,
7 with the exception of the President of the Student Senate, who shall serve as a board
8 member by virtue of his/her office. The terms shall be staggered. A Board member shall
9 continue to serve after the formal expiration of the term until a successor has been
10 confirmed by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. The appointed Board members' terms of
11 office shall begin upon their confirmation by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. The Board
12 shall notify the President of the Navajo Nation of an approaching vacancy and may
13 recommend to the President of the Navajo Nation persons to fill vacancies on the board.
14 A Board member may be re-appointed to subsequent terms of office. *Id.*

15 C. The Navajo Nation President Dr. Buu Nygren has appointed Mrs. Tara Denetsosie-
16 Lovato to serve as a member of the Board of Regents to represent the Central Agency for
17 a term of four years, letter of appointment attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

18 D. Mrs. Tara Denetsosie-Lovato meets the qualifications as required by 15 N.N.C § 1204
19 (A). *See* Letter of Interest, Résumé, and Certificate of Navajo Indian Blood attached
20 hereto as **Exhibits B, C and D**, respectively.

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22 **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT**

23 The Navajo Nation hereby finds that Mrs. Tara Denetsosie-Lovato meets the qualifications
24 set forth in 15 N.N.C. § 1204 (B) and confirms the appointment of Mrs. Tara Denetsosie-
25 Lovato to serve on the Navajo Technical University Board of Regents as a representative of
26 the Central Agency for a staggered term of four years, effective upon confirmation by the
27 Naabik'iyáti' Committee, set forth in 15 N.N.C. § 1204 (C).