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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee and the Navajo Nation Council; Confirming the Appointment of Ms. Eunice Begay to the Commission on Navajo Government Development, as the Ft. Defiance Agency Member**

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## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0092-25

**DATE:** May 14, 2025

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. EUNICE BEGAY TO THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT, AS THE FT. DEFIANCE AGENCY MEMBER

**PURPOSE:** This proposed resolution will confirm the appointment of Eunice Begay to the Commission on Navajo Government Development as the Ft. Defiance Agency Member for a term of four years

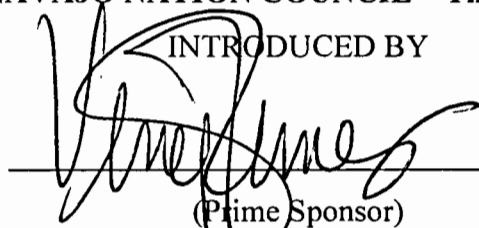
**FINAL AUTHORITY:** Navajo Nation Council

**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.

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: 7-20  
Website Posting Time/Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Posting End Date: 05-26-25  
Eligible for Action: 05-27-25

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Third Year 2025

INTRODUCED BY  
  
(Prime Sponsor)  
TRACKING NO. 0092-25

AN ACTION  
RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO  
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BEGAY TO THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT  
DEVELOPMENT, AS THE FT. DEFIANCE AGENCY MEMBER

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and has legislative oversight over the Commission on Navajo Government Development and is empowered to recommend all resolutions to the Navajo Nation Council on matters within the Committee's jurisdiction pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§ 700(A), 701 (A)(3), 970.
- B. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation and confirms appointments to the Commission on Navajo Government Development. 2 N.N.C. § 972(A).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Commission on Navajo Government Development is established within the Legislative Branch as a special entity created by the Navajo Nation Council with quasi-independent authority to accomplish the People's project of instituting reforms

1 necessary to ensure accountability, responsible, ethical, and equally representative  
2 government. 2 N.N.C. § 970; *see also* CD-92-20 (overriding veto of CO-80-20).

3 B. The Commission shall consist of 12 Navajo members to be confirmed by and serve at  
4 the pleasure of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 972 (A).

5 C. Five members shall be nominated from the five agencies of the Navajo Nation. Each  
6 agency council shall nominate one member from recommendations to be submitted by  
7 Chapters on each agency, said nominees shall be either Chapter officers, Local  
8 Government/Governance Commissioners, Grazing Committee/Land Board members,  
9 or School Board members. These members shall serve a term of four years from the  
10 date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council, so long as they continue as Chapter  
11 officers, Local Government/Governance Commissioners, Grazing Committee/Land  
12 Board member, or School Board member. 2 N.N.C. § 972 (A)(5).

13 D. Commission members shall be chosen from among individuals who have demonstrated  
14 scholarship, a strong sense of civic interest, knowledge of Dine' history and cultural  
15 heritage, spiritual leadership, leadership in the Navajo government and abilities likely  
16 to contribute to the fulfillment of the duties of the commission. 2 N.N.C. § 972 (D).

17 E. The Ft. Defiance Agency Council nominates and recommends Steamboat Chapter  
18 Commissioner Ms. Eunice Begay to serve on the Commission on Navajo Government  
19 Development pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972(A)(5). Ft. Defiance Agency Council  
20 Resolution FDNAC#011125-004 is attached as **Exhibit A**.

21 F. Ms. Eunice Begay's letter of interest and resumé are attached as **Exhibit B**.

### 22 23 **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMATION**

24 The Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms Ms. Eunice Begay to serve on the  
25 Commission on Navajo Government Development as the Ft. Defiance Agency Member for  
26 a term of four years from the date of confirmation so long as Ms. Eunice Begay continues  
27 as Chapter officer, Local Government/Governance Commissioner, Grazing  
28 Committee/Land Board member, or School Board member in accordance with 2 N.N.C. §  
29 972(A)(5).