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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee and the Navajo Nation Council; Confirming the Appointment of Ms. Lorretta Seweingyawma to the Commission on Navajo Government Development for a Term of Four Years as the Western Agency Commission Member**

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## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0211-25

**DATE:** August 18, 2025

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. LORETTA SEWEINGYAWMA TO THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS AS THE WESTERN AGENCY COMMISSION MEMBER

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this proposed resolution is to confirm Ms. Loretta Seweingyawma to the Commission on Navajo Government Development as the Western Agency Commission Member.

**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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Naabik'iyáti' Committee  
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Navajo Nation Council

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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

Introduced By:

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SEWEINGYAWMA TO THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT  
DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS AS THE WESTERN  
AGENCY COMMISSION 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), and 970.
- B. The Navajo Nation Council 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 necessary

1 to ensure accountability, responsible, ethical, and equally representative government. 2  
2 N.N.C. § 970.

3 B. The Commission shall consist of 12 Navajo members to be confirmed by and serve at the  
4 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, or  
9 School Board members. These members shall serve a term of four years from the date of  
10 confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council, so long as they continue as Chapter officers,  
11 Local Government/Governance Commissioners, Grazing Committee/Land Board  
12 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 to  
16 contribute to the fulfillment of the duties of the commission. 2 N.N.C. § 972 (D).

17 E. The Western Agency Council nominates and recommends Bodaway Gap Chapter Vice  
18 President Ms. Loretta Seweingyawma to serve on the Commission on Navajo  
19 Government Development pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972(A)(5). Western Agency Council  
20 Resolution WNAC25-04-NB5 is attached as **Exhibit A**.

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

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

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