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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET
Tracking No. 0048-26

DATE: March 3, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF FELISHA ADAMS TO THE NAVAJO NATION GAMING ENTERPRISE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, would appoint Felisha Adams to the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise Board of Director for a four-year term.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Naabik'íyáti' Committee

VOTE REQUIRED: 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.

1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2026

3 Introduced by:

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6 (Prime Sponsor)

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15 BE IT ENACTED:

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17 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 18 A. The Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise (“Enterprise”) Board of Directors (“Board”) is
19 subject to confirmation by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. 5 N.N.C. § 1707(C). *See also*
20 CO-72-18.
21 B. The Navajo Nation Council has legislative oversight over the Enterprise. 5 N.N.C. §
22 1718.

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24 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- 25 A. Pursuant to 5 N.N.C. § 1707(C), the President of the Navajo Nation shall select
26 Enterprise Board members; President Buu Nygren selected Felisha Adams to the
27 Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors. Ms. Adams' Letter of
28 Appointment is attached as **Exhibit A**.

- 1 B. The Board shall consist of nine members and at least five members shall be enrolled as
2 members of the Navajo Nation. 5 N.N.C. §§ 1707(B) and 1707(D). *See also* CO-72-
3 18. Ms. Adams' Certificate of Navajo Indian Blood is attached as **Exhibit B**.
- 4 C. At all times the nominees and the Directors shall possess the following qualifications:
5 (1) shall have demonstrable knowledge of Class II and Class III gaming operations and
6 work experience in the gaming industry; (2) shall be at least 25 years of age; (3) shall
7 possess a bachelors and/or graduate degree, preferably in finance, accounting,
8 marketing, economics, management, law or related fields; (4) shall have a minimum of
9 seven (7) years mid-level management experience; preferred experience will take into
10 account 12 years of mid-level or executive experience; (5) not be a board member of a
11 Navajo Nation-owned corporation, enterprise or authority; and (6) shall not be a public
12 official or public employee of the Navajo Nation. 5 N.N.C. § 1707(G). *See also* CO-
13 72-18. Ms. Adams' letter of interest and resume are attached as **Exhibit C**.
- 14 D. Each appointee for the position of the Board of the Enterprise shall obtain a Gaming
15 Facility Operator's License from the Gaming Regulatory Office before submission of
16 the appointment to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee for confirmation. 5 N.N.C. § 1707(H).
17 Ms. Adams has been issued a Navajo Nation Gaming Regulatory Office ("NGRO")
18 Temporary Navajo Nation Gaming License attached as **Exhibit D**.
- 19 E. Ms. Adams' appointment is for a four-year term. Ms. Adams shall hold office until the
20 qualification and selection of her successor. 5 N.N.C. §§ 1707(F) and 1707(I).

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22 **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF FELISHA ADAMS TO**
23 **THE NAVAJO NATION GAMING ENTERPRISE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

24 Pursuant to 5 N.N.C. § 1707(C), the Navajo Nation hereby confirms the appointment of
25 Felisha Adams to serve on the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors for a
26 four-year term beginning at the certification of this resolution.

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