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TITLE: An Action Relating to Resource and Development Committee; Confirming the Appointment of Harry “Sonny” Moore, Jr., Who Possesses the Qualifications Stated in 21 N.N.C. § 9(B) (2), With 10 Years of Experience in Management and Operation of Utility Business, to Serve on the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority Management Board of Directors for a Term of Three Years

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0112-24

DATE: May 14, 2024

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF HARRY "SONNY" MOORE, JR., WHO POSSESSES THE QUALIFICATIONS STATED IN 21 N.N.C. § 9 (B) (2), WITH 10 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF UTILITY BUSINESS, TO SERVE ON THE NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS

PURPOSE: This legislation will confirm the appointment of Mr. Harry "Sonny" Moore, Jr. as a director for the NTUA Management Board as set forth in 21 N.N.C. § 9 (B) (2), and appointing Mr. Moore for a term of three years.

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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15 BUSINESS, TO SERVE ON THE NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY
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18 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- 19 A. The Navajo Nation established the Resources and Development Committee as a
20 Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such gave the Committee oversight
21 authority over public utilities. 2 N.N.C. §§ 500 (A), (C).
22 B. Resources and Development Committee shall appoint directors to the Navajo Tribal
23 Utility Authority Management Board. 21 N.N.C. § 9 (A), CAP-19-24.
24 C. Resources and Development Committee has the authority to grant final confirmation
25 of appointments to enterprise boards. 2 N.N.C. § 501 (B) (9).

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27 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 28 A. The Navajo Nation established the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (“NTUA”) as an
29 enterprise. 21 N.N.C. § 2.
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- 1 B. The NTUA is authorized to acquire, construct, operate and maintain utility systems
2 throughout the Navajo Nation. 21 N.N.C. § 1 (B).
- 3 C. The general purpose of NTUA is to operate, maintain and promote existing utility
4 systems furnishing electric, gas, water, sewer utility services, generation, and
5 telecommunications and information services for the benefit of residents of the
6 Navajo Nation, including the establishment, ownership, operation and maintenance
7 of electric generating, telecommunications and information services on or off the
8 Navajo Reservation; and to provide utility generation, telecommunications and
9 information services on a non-profit basis and at a reasonable cost to residents of the
10 Navajo Nation consistent with the economical operations of the Enterprise. 21
11 N.N.C. § 5 (A) (1)-(6).
- 12 D. The NTUA Management Board shall have the delegated authority and responsibility
13 for the management and operation of the Enterprise. 21 N.N.C. § 7 (1).
- 14 E. The Management Board shall consist of seven persons, all of whom shall be appointed
15 by the Resources and Development Committee. 21 N.N.C. § 9 (A).
- 16 F. Members of the Board shall be called directors, and shall have the following
17 qualifications: (1) Four of the directors shall be members of the Navajo Nation who
18 speak English with fluency and who have sufficient education and experience to
19 qualify them for learning utility business practices and procedures and making sound
20 judgements; (2) Four of the directors shall be persons having not less than 10 years
21 experience in business management of substantial character and at least two of such
22 persons shall have had such experience in the management and operation of a utility
23 business. 21 N.N.C. § 9 (B) (1)-(2).
- 24 G. On January 9, 2024, Mr. Harry "Sonny" Moore, Jr. was selected to be appointed to
25 the NTUA Management Board; the Appointment Letter is attached as **Exhibit A**. Mr.
26 Harry "Sonny" Moore, Jr.'s Letter of Interest is attached as **Exhibit B**.
- 27 H. Mr. Moore is a member of the Navajo Nation with 40 years experience as a District
28 Manager to NTUA at three NTUA district sites. His responsibilities included but
29 were not limited to supervising staff, establishing yearly operations and maintenance
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1 programs, and preparing yearly operating budgets. Mr. Moore's resume is attached
2 as **Exhibit C**.

- 3 I. Mr. Harry "Sonny" Moore, Jr. meets the qualifications as required by 21 N.N.C. § 9
4 (B) (2). He has not less than 10 years of experience in business management and has
5 experience in the management and operation of a utility business.
- 6 J. The appointment of Mr. Harry "Sonny" Moore, Jr. will be for a period of three years.
7 21 N.N.C. § 9 (C) (2).

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9 **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT**

10 The Navajo Nation Council Resources and Development Committee finds that Mr.
11 Harry "Sonny" Moore, Jr. meets the requisite qualifications to be appointed as a
12 Director for the NTUA Management Board as set forth in 21 N.N.C. § 9 (B) (2), with
13 10 years of experience in management and operation of utility business, and hereby
14 confirms Mr. Harry "Sonny" Moore, Jr.'s appointment for a term of three years
15 beginning on the date of certification of this resolution. 21 N.N.C. § 9 (C) (2).

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