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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Law and Order Committee; Recommending to the Navajo Nation President the Permanent Appointment of the Honorable Victor Clyde as a Navajo Nation District Court Judge**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0221-24

**DATE:** October 1, 2024

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE; RECOMMENDING TO THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT THE PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF THE HONORABLE VICTOR CLYDE AS A NAVAJO NATION DISTRICT COURT JUDGE**

**PURPOSE:** This resolution, if approved, recommends to the President of the Navajo Nation the permanent appointment of Honorable Victor Clyde as a Navajo Nation District Court Judge.

**This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each committee member to review the proposed resolution in detail.**

**Final Authority:** Law and Order Committee

**Vote Required:** Simple Majority



1 D. The LOC, having reviewed the record, Judge Clyde’s qualifications, and after holding a  
2 public hearing on the matter, has unanimously determined that Judge Victor Clyde meets  
3 the requirements for appointment as a permanent Navajo Nation District Court Judge  
4 pursuant to 7 N.N.C §354.  
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6 **SECTION THREE: RECOMMENDATION FOR PERMANENT APPOINTMENT**

7 The Law and Order Committee recommends to the Navajo Nation President that Judge  
8 Victor Clyde permanently appointed as District Court Judge, subject to the Navajo Nation  
9 Council’s confirmation.  
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11 **SECTION FOUR: RECOMMENDATION FOR ADDITIONAL STEP INCREASE**

12 A. The Law and Order Committee recommends that Judge Victor Clyde be provided an  
13 additional salary step increase, in addition to the two-step increase provided after  
14 confirmation as provided in Resolution No. LOCO-08-14, “Amending The Navajo  
15 Nation Justices and Judges Salary Schedule.”

16 B. The LOC recognizes that Judge Victor Clyde was eligible to be evaluated and  
17 considered for permanent appointment once he fulfilled his two year probationary  
18 period. However, due to delays from the COVID-19 pandemic, Judge Malcolm  
19 Laughing’s public hearing and probationary evaluations were delayed.

20 C. In 2023, the Navajo Nation reopened after the COVID-19 crises and the Navajo Nation  
21 government implemented measures to resume in person functions. Included in the  
22 reopening measures was prioritizing evaluations for the Judges.

23 D. In evaluating Navajo Nation Justices and Judges for possible step increases, Judge  
24 Victor Clyde could not be considered for an additional step increase in 2023, due to his  
25 probationary status.

26 E. Therefore, the LOC recommends that the additional step increase be provided for Judge  
27 Victor Clyde.  
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1 **SECTION FIVE: DIRECTIVE**

2 The Law and Order Committee directs the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch Office of Human  
3 Resources to immediately submit to the Navajo Nation President all documents provided in  
4 the evaluation to recommended Judge Victor Clyde for permanent appointment. Confidential  
5 information included in the documents shall remain protected except upon authorized  
6 disclosure by the applicant. 2 N.N.C. § 81 *et seq.*

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