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SPONSOR: Crystalyne Curley

TITLE: An Action Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Confirming Speaker Crystalyne Curley's Appointment of Susie A. Bizade to the Black Mesa Review Board for a Term of Four (4) Years

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0245-24

DATE: November 12, 2024

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING SPEAKER CRYSTALYNE CURLEY'S APPOINTMENT OF SUSIE A. BIZADE TO THE BLACK MESA REVIEW BOARD FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS

PURPOSE: The purpose of the resolution is to confirm Speaker Crystalyne Curley's appointment of Susie A. Bizade to the Black Mesa Review Board for a term of four years.

Final Authority: Naabik'íyáti' Committee

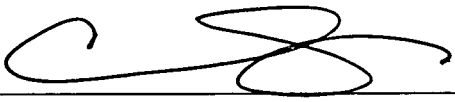
Vote Requirement: Simple Majority

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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13 BLACK MESA REVIEW BOARD FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS
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15 **BE IT RESOLVED:**

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17 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- 18 A. The Naabik'iyáti Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council
19 has the authority to grant final confirmation of appointments to boards,
20 commissions, and colleges unless otherwise provided in law. 2 N.N.C. § 701 (A)
21 (1).
22 B. Speaker Crystalyne Curley's appointment of Susie A. Bizade to the Black Mesa
23 Review Board requires confirmation by the Naabik'iyáti Committee. 2 N.N.C. §
24 903(B).
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26 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 27 A. The purpose of the Black Mesa Review Board (or the "Board") shall be to advocate
28 for fair and just compensation for Navajo families within the five Navajo Nation
29 Chapters whose socio-economic and environmental interests are adversely affected
30 or impacted by coal mining and related operations of Peabody Western Coal

1 Company (PWCC). The Board may also make appropriate recommendations to the
2 President of the Navajo Nation, the Navajo Nation Council, the Resources
3 Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, or to PWCC, concerning the health,
4 social welfare, education, and environment of the Navajo People affected by any of
5 PWCC's mining and post-mining or related operations. 2 N.N.C. § 902.

6 B. The Black Mesa Review Board shall be comprised of seven (7) members, one of
7 whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council. Each Board
8 appointee shall serve a term of four (4) years. 2 N.N.C. § 903 (A).

9 C. The Speaker of the Navajo Nation has appointed Susie A. Bizade by letter dated
10 September 20, 2024, which is herein attached as **Exhibit A**.

11 D. Ms. Bizade's letter of interest and resume are attached as **Exhibit B**.

12 E. Within thirty (30) days of their appointment, each Board appointee shall be
13 presented to the Naabik'iyáti Committee of the Navajo Nation Council for
14 confirmation. 2 N.N.C. § 903 (B).

15 F. If confirmed by the Naabik'iyáti Committee, Ms. Bizade's term shall not
16 commence until she is administered an oath of office by a judge or justice of the
17 Navajo Nation courts. 2 N.N.C. § 903 (B).

18 G. The Naabik'iyáti Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby finds that it is in
19 the best interest of the Navajo Nation to confirm Speaker Crystalyne Curley's
20 appointment of Susie A. Bizade to the Black Mesa Review Board.

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22 **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMATION OF SUSIE A. BIZADE TO THE**
23 **BLACK MESA REVIEW BOARD**

24 The Naabik'iyáti Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms the
25 Speaker's appointment of Susie A. Bizade to the Black Mesa Review Board for a term
26 of four (4) years.
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