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**TITLE: An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee;  
Reappointing Lawrence Platero to the Management Board of the Navajo Nation  
Hospitality Enterprise**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0009-25

**DATE:** January 29, 2025

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; REAPPOINTING LAWRENCE PLATERO TO THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE NAVAJO NATION HOSPITALITY ENTERPRISE**

**Final Authority:** Resources and Development Committee

**Vote Requirement:** Simple Majority

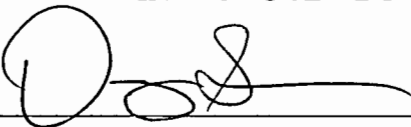
**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this proposed resolution is to appoint Lawrence Platero as the Navajo Nation Hospitality Enterprise Management Board.

**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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10 AN ACTION

11 RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE;  
12 REAPPOINTING LAWRENCE PLATERO TO THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF  
13 THE NAVAJO NATION HOSPITALITY ENTERPRISE

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15 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 16 A. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council has the  
17 authority to give final approval for appointments to the Navajo Nation enterprises. 2  
18 N.N.C. § 501(8)(9).
- 19 B. 5 N.N.C. § 1843(A) states: "The business and affairs of the Navajo Nation Hospitality  
20 Enterprise] shall be managed by a five-person Board of Directors, the members of which  
21 shall meet the qualifications established in [the Navajo Nation Hospitality Enterprise's]  
22 plan of operation." The Board of Directors shall conduct its business in a similar manner  
23 as boards of directors of successful corporations in the hospitality business, to the extent  
24 feasible and permitted under [the Navajo Nation Hospitality Enterprise's] plan of  
25 operation and other applicable Navajo law.

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27 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- 28 A. The Navajo Nation Hospitality Enterprise (or "NNHE")'s Plan of Operation (the "Plan of  
29 Operation") was approved in Council Resolution CD-79-02. Article V(A) of the Plan of  
30 Operation states that "[t]he Management Board shall consist of five (5) members

1 appointed for staggered three-year terms by the President of the Navajo Nation with the  
2 concurrence of the Economic Development Committee [now, the Resources and  
3 Development Committee] of the Navajo Nation Council."

4 B. Article V(B) of the Plan of Operation states that "[o]f the five (5) Board members  
5 appointed, one (1) member must be an experienced business person, one (1) member  
6 from the Government Services Committee [now the Naabik'iyáti' Committee] of the  
7 Navajo Nation Council; one (1) from the Economic Development Committee [now the  
8 Resources and Development Committee] of the Navajo Nation Council; and two (2)  
9 members must have recognized expertise and substantial management experience in the  
10 motel-restaurant industry. No other employee of the federal or Navajo Nation  
11 government shall be a member of the Management Board. No Board member shall be an  
12 employee of the Enterprise."

13 C. Each NNHE Board member shall serve a term of three (3) years. Plan of Operation  
14 Article V(A).

15 D. Between 30 and 60 days prior to the expiration of any Board member's term, the President  
16 of the Navajo Nation is to appoint a qualified person to fill the expected Board member  
17 vacancy. Plan of Operation Article V(C).

18 E. If the President of the Navajo Nation fails to nominate a qualified individual to fill the  
19 vacant Board position within 60 days, the Resources and Development Committee may  
20 nominate and confirm an appointment to the NNHE Management Board on its own  
21 initiative. Plan of Operation Article V(H).

22 F. Pursuant to Resolution RDCO-39-20, Lawrence Platero was reappointed to the NNHE  
23 Management Board for a term of three years, which expired on October 13, 2023.

24 G. On October 31, 2023, Lawrence Platero sent a letter of interest about being reappointed  
25 to the NNHE Management Board and his resume to NNHE Chief Executive Officer Stan  
26 Sapp, which are attached as **Exhibit A**

27 H. On November 21, 2023, the NNHE Management Board passed Resolution No. 2023-5  
28 supporting the reappointment of Lawrence Platero to the NNHE Management Board to  
29 serve in the capacity as one of the two "Industry Experts" on the Board. On February 21,  
30 2024, NNHE Chief Executive Officer Stan Sapp sent a letter to President Dr. Buu Nygren

1 submitting NNHE Resolution No 2023-5 and Mr. Platero's letter of interest and resume  
2 to President Nygren for consideration. NNHE Resolution No. 2023-5 and the February  
3 21, 2024 letter are herein attached as **Exhibit B**.

- 4 I. President Nygren did not nominate a qualified individual to fill the vacant Board position  
5 within 60 days after being notified of the vacancy.
- 6 J. Resources and Development Committee therefore finds it in the best interest of the  
7 Navajo Nation to reappoint Lawrence Platero to the NNHE Management Board to serve  
8 as an "Industry Expert".

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10 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

11 The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms  
12 the reappointment of Lawrence Platero to the Navajo Nation Hospitality Enterprise's  
13 Management Board for a term of three (3) years.