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TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Naabik'iyáti' and Navajo Nation Council; Confirming the appointment of Ronald Milton Thompson as Superintendent of Schools, Navajo Department of Diné Education

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0088-20

DATE: April 7, 2020

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, NAABIK'ÍYÁTÍ AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL;
CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RONALD MILTON THOMPSON AS SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF DINÉ EDUCATION

PURPOSE: This resolution, if adopted, confirms the appointment of Mr. Ronald Milton Thompson as Superintendent of Schools, Navajo Department of Diné Education.

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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1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
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3 INTRODUCED BY

4 Daniel Z. Joe
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6 (Prime Sponsor)

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12 AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF
13 RONALD MILTON THOMPSON AS SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, NAVAJO
14 DEPARTMENT OF DINÉ EDUCATION

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16 BE IT ENACTED:

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18 **SECTION 1. AUTHORITIES**

- 19 A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §
20 102(A). The Council, among other duties and responsibilities, "confirm[s] the
21 appointments of division directors upon recommendation from the appropriate
22 oversight committee." 2 NNC. 102(F). This authority to confirm appointments
23 includes the Superintendent of Schools, Navajo Department of Diné Education. 2
24 N.N.C. § 1802(A).
- 25 B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of
26 the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 400(A). The committee has oversight
27 authority over the Navajo Department of Diné Education. 2 N.N.C. § 401(C)(1).
- 28 C. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2
29 N.N.C. § 700(A). Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(9), "a proposed resolution that
30 requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council [must] be assigned to standing

1 committee(s) having authority over the subject matter at issue and the Naabik'iyáti
2 Committee."

- 3 D. The Navajo Nation Board of Education oversees the operation of all schools serving
4 the Navajo Nation. 10 N.N.C. §106(A).

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6 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

7 A. The Superintendent of Schools position, Navajo Nation Department of Diné
8 Education, is currently vacant.

9 B. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1802 (A), the Department of Diné Education is "under the
10 immediate direction of the Navajo Nation Superintendent of Schools, subject to the
11 overall direction of the Navajo Nation Board of Education. The Navajo Nation
12 Superintendent of Schools is appointed by the Navajo Nation Board of Education,
13 subject to confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council."

14 C. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1802(B), "[t]he Navajo Nation Superintendent of Schools
15 shall serve at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Board of Education." As "chief
16 administrative officer of the Board," the Superintendent is "empowered to do all
17 things necessary and proper to carry out the responsibilities of the Board." 10 N.N.C.
18 § 106(G) (2)(a).

19 D. The Navajo Nation Board of Education on April 2, 2020, by resolution NNBEAP-
20 613-2020, appointed and recommended the confirmation of Mr. Ronald Milton
21 Thompson as the Superintendent of Schools, Navajo Department of Diné Education.
22 See Exhibit A, Board resolution.

23 E. Mr. Ronald Milton Thompson is qualified for the position of Superintendent, Navajo
24 Nation Department of Diné Education. See letter of interest and resume, Exhibit B.

25 F. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council
26 supports the appointment and confirmation of Mr. Ronald Milton Thompson as
27 Superintendent of Schools, Navajo Department of Diné Education.
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1 **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMATION**

2 The Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms the appointment of Mr. Ronald Milton
3 Thompson as the Superintendent of Schools, Navajo Department of Diné Education.
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