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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET Tracking No. 103410-19

DATE: November 15, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOAN BENALLY TO THE NAVAJO NATION BOARD OF EDUCATION

PURPOSE: The purpose of this legislation is to confirm The Appointment of Joan Benally to the Navajo Nation Board Of 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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12	CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOAN BENALLY TO THE NAVAJO	
13	NATION BOARD OF EDUCATION	
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15	Section One. Authority	
16	A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of	
17	the Navajo Nation Council with the purpose of providing legislative oversight on	
18	matters involving health, social service, education, general government services and	
19	human services 2 N.N.C. §§ 400 (A).(C)(1).	
20	B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee serves as oversight for the	
21	Navajo Nation Board of Education. 2 N. N. C. § 401 (C)(3).	
22	C. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee has authority to confirm	
23	appointments to the Board. 10 N. N. C. § 106(B)(3).	
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25	Section Two. Findings	
26	A. The Navajo Nation Board of Education consists of eleven (11) members. Five (5)	
27	members are elected at-large, one from each of the five (5) agencies. Six (6) members	
28	are appointed positions. 10 N.N.C. §106(B).	
29	B. Regarding appointments to the Navajo Nation Board of Education, the law provides,	
30	"[s]ix Board members shall be appointed to six year terms by the President of the	

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 Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. These members will be appointed on order to ensure that a variety of experience and knowledge is present on the Board." 10 N. N. C. § 106 (B)(3).
- C. Qualifications for the six appointed positions to the Navajo Nation Board of Education are stated as follows two appointed Board members will be individuals who are recognized for their knowledge of traditional Navajo culture; 10 N. N. C. §106(C)(1)(a); one appointed Board member will be a school administrator working on the Navajo Nation; 10 N. N. C. §106 (C)(1)(b); two appointed Board member will be parents of at least one child enrolled in a Kindergarten, elementary, or secondary program on the Navajo Nation; 10 N. N. C. §106 (C)(1)(c); and, one appointed Board member will be a teacher employed in a Bureau of Indian Affairs funded or state public school operating on the Navajo Nation; 10 N. N. C. §106(C)(1)(d).
- D. Pursuant to appointment provisions applicable to the Navajo Nation Board of Education, the Navajo Nation President has appointed Joan Benally, as the parent representative. Ms. Benally's letter of appointment is attached as Exhibit A and her qualifications and interests are provided in Exhibit B.

Section Three. Confirmation of Appointment

The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms the Navajo Nation President's appointment of Joan Benally, to the Navajo Nation Board of Education. Ms. Benally shall serve in the parent representative position on the Board, as provided in 10 N. N. C. § 106(C)(1)(c). Ms. Benally shall serve a term of six (6) years from the date of confirmation, consistent with 10 N. N. C. § 106(B).