# RESOLUTION OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

## 23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- First Year, 2015

#### AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SHARON JACKSON, THE NAVAJO WOMEN'S COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE, TO THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT FOR A TWO YEAR TERM

#### SECTION ONE. FINDINGS

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'íyáti' Committee to recommend all resolutions to the Navajo Nation Council on matters within the Committee's jurisdiction pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 701(A)(3).
- B. Naabik'íyáti' Committee has the power to give final confirmation of the appointments to boards and commissions. 2 N.N.C. § 701(A)(1).
- C. The Commission on Navajo Government Development is an "entity created by the Navajo Nation Council with quasiindependent authority to accomplish the Council's project of instituting reforms necessary to ensure an accountable and responsible government." 2 N.N.C. § 970.
- D. The Commission shall be responsible directly to the Council with respect to overall activities. 2 N.N.C. § 970.
- E. The Intergovernmental Relations Committee (now called Naabik'íyáti' Committee) shall have legislative oversight authority. 2 N.N.C. § 970.
- F. The Commission shall consist of 12 members confirmed by and serving at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 972.
- G. One member shall be nominated from the Commission of Navajo Women of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 972(A)(8).

- Η. The member shall serve for a term of two years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 972(A)(8).
- I. The Navajo Women's Commission has passed a resolution supporting and nominating Sharon Jackson to represent it as member on the Commission on Navajo Government Navajo Women's Commission Resolution Development. (Exhibit "A").
- J. The Navajo Nation finds it is in the best interest to appoint Sharon Jackson to the Commission on Navajo Government Development to represent the Navajo Women's Commission for a two year term.

### SECTION TWO. APPOINTMENT

The Navajo Nation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972(A)(8), hereby confirms the appointment of Sharon Jackson as a representative of the Navajo Women's Commission on the Commission on Navajo Government Development, as nominated by the Navajo Women's Commission (Exhibit "A"), for a two year term from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council.

#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona) at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 18 in favor and 0 opposed, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 2015.

> LoRenzo Bates, Speaker Navajo Nation Council

> > 7-6-5 Date

Motion: Honorable Seth Damon

Second: Honorable Jonathan L. Hale

# Navajo Women's Commission

Vivian Arviso President Lolita M. Paddock Vice President

Sharon Jackson
Secretary



RESOLUTION OF THE NAVAJO WOMEN'S COMMISSION

# 001

NOMINATING AND RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF <u>SHARON JACKSON</u>, <u>EASTERN</u>

<u>NAVAJO AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE</u> TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE COMMISSION OF NAVAJO

GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT TO REPRESENT THE NAVAJO WOMEN'S COMMISSION.

# WHEREAS:

- 1. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1121 (A) the Navajo Women's Commission is established under the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation Government; and
- 2. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § (C) (2) the Navajo Women's Commission consists of five (5) members representing each of the five agencies of the Navajo Nation( as amended in Navajo Nation Code, 2009 Pocket Part); and
- 3. The Navajo Women's Commission recognizes that pursuant to 2N.N.C. §§ 970 and 971(1)(2), the Commission on Navajo Government Development ("Commission") was established as a special entity with quasi-independent authority to accomplish the Council's project of instituting reforms necessary to ensure an accountable and responsible government; and,
- 4. The Navajo Women's Commission recognizes that one member shall serve as a representative on the Commission on Navajo Government Development. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 972(A)(8), One member shall be nominated from the Commission of Navajo Women of the Navajo Nation; such member shall serve for a term of two years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council; and,
- To ensure the opportunity for input on the Commission on Navajo Government Development, The Navajo Women's Commission has determined that it is in its best interest to appoint <u>SHARON JACKSON</u>, <u>EASTERN NAVAJO AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE</u>, to represent the Navajo Women's Commission on the Commission on Navajo Government Development; and
- To serve a term of two (2) years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council and as long as she remains a Commissioner on the Navajo Women's Commission.

# NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The Navajo Women's Commission hereby nominates and appoints <u>SHARON JACKSON</u>, <u>EASTERN NAVAJO AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE</u>, to serve on the Commission on Navajo Government Development to represent the Navajo Women's Commission, and;
- 2. To serve a term of two (2) years after confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council, and;
- 3. To maintain qualifications to serve as a Commissioner on the Navajo Women's Commission.

# **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo Women's Commission at a duly called meeting at Window Rock, Arizona, at which a quorum was present and that the same resolution was passed by a vote of <u>5</u> in favor, <u>0</u> Opposed, <u>0</u> Abstained on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2014.

Motion by: Lolita M. Paddock Second by: Charlotte Begaye

Vivian Arviso, Chairperson

Navajo Women's Commission

February 19, 2015

Transmission by Facsimile Mr. Jamie Henio, Interim Director Office of Navajo Government Development P.O. Box 220 Window Rock, Arizona 86515

Dear Mr. Henio:

The Navajo Women's Commission is honored to convey the selection of Ms. Sharon Jackson, Eastern Navajo Agency Representative, on July 18, 2014, as their nominee to serve as a representative on the Commission on Navajo Government Development.

I am transmitting by facsimile the signed Resolution #001 of the Navajo Women's Commission reflecting their decision for Ms. Jackson to serve as this representative. The minutes of July 18, 2014, New Business, and a current Vita for Ms. Jackson giving her background and experience are also included.

It is our understanding that Ms. Jackson's nomination will need confirmation by the Naabik'iyati' Committee and will serve a term of two years as long as she remains a Commissioner on the Navajo Women's Commission. Please inform us if any additional steps are needed to finalize her appointment. Our Navajo Women's Commission looks forward to supporting the work of the Commission on Navajo Government Development through our nominee, Ms. Jackson. Thank you very much.

Most Sincerely,

Vivian Arviso, Chairperson

Navajo Women's Commission

Cc: Sharon Jackson, Navajo Women's Commission Members, Navajo Women's Commission

# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH NAVAJO NATION



# HONORABLE LORENZO BATES Speaker, 23<sup>nd</sup> Navajo Nation Council

March 26, 2015

# HONORABLE ALTON J. SHEPARD 23<sup>rd</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

Ya a teeh, I hope this letter finds you doing well...

On July 18, 2014, the Navajo Nation Women's Commission at their regular meeting in Window Rock, Arizona selected Ms. Sharon Jackson to be their representative on the Commission on Navajo Government Development. Ms. Jackson meets the qualifications pursuant to 2 N.N.C § 970 "Membership; officers; term; qualifications (A)(8) "One member shall be nominated from the Commission of Navajo Women of the Navajo Nation; such member shall serve for a term of two years from the date of confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council"

Ms. Jackson is the Eastern Agency Representative on the Navajo Women's Commission.

The Office of Navajo Government Development is requesting that you will be the primary sponsor for this legislation and to submit this packet to the Office of Legislative Services so the legal staff can prepare the necessary legislative documents.

Attached to this letter is the following:

- 1. Letter from Vivian Arviso, Chairperson / Navajo Women's Commission
- 2. Resume' for Sharon Jackson
- 3. Navajo Women's Commission Resolution

If you need additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to call us at the following numbers: 928 - 871 - 7214 / 7161.

Sincerely,

Jamie Henio,

Interim Executive Director

Office of Navajo Government Development

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Navajo Women's Commission

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#### **EDUCATION**

University of Tulsa College of Law

Currently Enrolled, Anticipated Graduation Date: Fall 2016

Masters of Jurisprudence in American Indian Law

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Masters of Public Administration, December 2013

University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Cum Laude, August 2010

**Minor: American Indian Studies** 

#### **EXPERIENCE**

Grants Coordinator, University of New Mexico-Gallup, Nov 2014 - Current

- · Research Grant Opportunities.
- · Work with faculty and division chairs to compete for grants.
- Work collaboratively with UNMG staff to complete grants and contract opportunities.
- Grant writing.

### Whirlwind Wheelchair International, Assistant Project Coordinator, May 2011-Aug 2011

- Purpose of research was to look at assistive technology devices for individuals with disabilities
- Engaged stakeholders to assist with coordinating focus groups on Navajo for individuals who
  utilized assistive technology devices.

Gallup McKinley County Schools, Substitute Teaching, McKinley County, 2010-2011 School Year

- Received training for teaching K-12 students.
- Applied for certification for substitute teaching, State of New Mexico.

Campaign for Change New Mexico, Field Organizer, McKinley County, June-November 2008

- Worked to build a grassroots movement to facilitate voting on Election Day.
- Overarching goal was to garner voters for Barack Obama in the state of New Mexico.
- Gauged progress to achieve overall campaign goals in McKinley County.

#### **AWARDS**

UNM Public Administration Scholarship 2012 American Indian Graduate Center 2012-13

Navajo Nation Scholarship 2011-2012

Navajo Nation Scholarship, Fall 2011, Graduate Studies

University of Arizona Alumni Scholarship, 2010 Ft McDowell Wassaja Scholarship, spring 2010

# SKILLS

Communication, research methods, writing, public speaking, Microsoft Office, Windows 7/8

#### ACTIVITIES

Member of McKinley County Democratic Party, New Mexico Native American Caucus, Gallup Arts Grants Board, Navajo Nation Women's Commission, Secretary