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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 000 4-15

DATE:

January 13, 2015

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO AN EMERGENCY; APPOINTING LEVON B. HENRY AS CHIEF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

PURPOSE: The purpose of the resolution will appoint Levon B. Henry as Chief Legislative Counsel.

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.

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION

23nd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2015

INTRODUCED BY

(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0004-15

AN ACTION

RELATING TO AN EMERGENCY; APPOINTING LEVON B. HENRY AS
CHIEF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

BE IT ENACTED:

Section One. Findings

- A. Section164(16) of Title 2 provides, in part, that legislation can be considered as an emergency if such proposed legislation concerns potential threats to "the sovereignty of the Navajo Nation" or a pressing public need exists requiring immediate action by the Navajo Nation Council.
- B. The 22nd Navajo Nation Council appointed Levon B. Henry as Chief Legislative Counsel on April 24, 2014. However, out of respect for the 23rd Navajo Nation Council, Mr. Henry's appointment expired January 12, 2015. CAP-23-14, EXHIBIT 1.
- C. The lack of an appointed Chief Legislative Counsel represents an emergency for the Navajo Nation as this lack of leadership will have an impact on the Navajo Nation sovereignty since there is a pending litigation against members of the Navajo Nation Council and Legislative Branch employees, both acting in their official capacity. 2 N.N.C § 164(16).
- D. Further the Navajo Nation government is experiencing new circumstances, with the Navajo Nation election and there being no President elect as of today.

- E. Diné Bits'áádéé' Beehaz'áanii declares and teaches that Legislative Branch leaders shall "enact policies and laws to address the immediate and future needs;" the situation that the Navajo Nation Council is presented with today is an immediate need. 1 N.N.C. § 203 (D).
- F. The Navajo Nation leaders' duty is to preserve, protect and enhance the sovereignty of the People and their government. CN-69-02.
- G. The 22nd Navajo Nation Council found that Levon B. Henry meets all the statutory requirements to be appointment Chief Legislative Counsel. CAP-23-14.
- H. The 23rd Navajo Nation Council desires to continue his appointment as Chief Legislative Counsel.
- I. Maintaining the continuity of the Navajo Nation Office of Legislative Counsel is in the Navajo Nation's best interest.

Section Two. Appointment

The Navajo Nation Council appoints Mr. Levon B. Henry as the Chief Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel, to serve at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 963.

Section Three. Effective Date

This emergency action of the Navajo Nation Council will be effective upon certification of the resolution by the Pro Tem Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council. Due to time constraints and emergency circumstances created, no other review or authority is granted by the Council. 2 N.N.C. § 221 (C).

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CAP-23-14

RESOLUTION OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

22nd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Fourth Year, 2014

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'; APPOINTING LEVON B. HENRY AS CHIEF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1. Findings

The Navajo Nation Council finds:

- A. The Office of Legislative Counsel, independent of the Department of Justice, provides legal advice and representation to the Navajo Nation Council, its standing committees and programs of the Navajo Nation Legislative Branch. 2 N.N.C. §§961 and 964. The Chief Legislative Counsel administers and manages the Office of Legislative Counsel. 2 N.N.C. §963. Currently, the position of Chief Legislative Counsel is vacant, and such vacancy has been advertised.
- B. The Chief Legislative Counsel must be a state-licensed attorney appointed by the Navajo Nation Council upon recommendation of the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. \$963(A).
- C. The position of Chief Legislative Counsel has been vacant since January 20, 2011.
- The Navajo Nation finds that the Department of Personnel Management received applications from persons interested in the position of Chief Legislative Counsel. From among the four (4) applicants, the Department of Personnel Management determined three applicants met the minimum qualifications. However, the Department of Personnel Management advised that of the three qualified applicants, there was only one Navajo - Levon B. Henry. memorandum dated July 3, 2013 and addressed to Honorable Johnny Naize, Speaker, Navajo Nation Council, the Department of Personnel Management referred Mr. Levon B. Henry for selection as Chief Legislative Counsel. Memorandum of Department of Personnel Management, as well as employment documents, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

- E. The 22^{nd} Navajo Nation Council realizes that its term will end January 12, 2015; therefore, out of respect for the upcoming 23^{rd} Navajo Nation Council, the 22^{nd} Navajo Nation Council will confirm a Chief Legislative Counsel to serve through the end of the term of the 22^{nd} Navajo Nation Council.
- F. The Navajo Nation Council finds that the appointment of Mr. Levon B. Henry as Chief Legislative Counsel would be in the best interests of the Navajo Nation.

Section Two. Appointment

The Navajo Nation Council hereby appoints Mr. Levon B. Henry as the Chief Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel, to serve at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council in accord with 2 N.N.C. §963, through the end of the term of the 22nd Navajo Nation Council, January 12, 2015.

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 2 opposed, this 23rd day of April 2014.

LoRenzo Bates, Pro Tem Speaker Navajo Nation Council

> 7-24-14 Date

Motion: Honorable Katherine Benally

Second: Honorable Mel R. Begay

THE NAVAJO NATION





OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

MEMORANDUM

TO

Honorable Johnny Naize, Speaker

LB/22nd Navajo Nation Council

FROM

Ora J. Kunika

Ora J. Wauneka, Human Resources Analyst DHR/Department of Personnel Management

DATE

July 03, 2013

SUBJECT:

REFERRAL OF APPLICANTS

RE

Chief Legislative Counsel

231898, Window Rock, AZ

LB0037806

Pursuant to your request, the Chief Legislative Counsel position was advertised from May 06, 2013 to Open Until Filled. A total of four (04) application(s) were received by our office on or before the Open Until Filled closing date.

Our qualification assessment revealed that the following applicant(s) met the minimum qualification requirements established for the position. The assessment was based on information provided on the application. To expedite the referral process, the verification of education was not completed. The Department of Personnel Management reserves the right to verify education upon employment.

HENRY, Levon B.

SSN:

There were two (2) other applicant(s) who met the minimum qualifications, who are non-Navajo, however, under the Navajo Preference in Employment Act, any Navajo applicant who demonstrates the necessary qualifications, irrespective of the qualifications, must be selected.

Please review the attached application(s) and select the applicant you feel is best suited for the position. A person who did not submit their application to our office on or before the closing date and who was not referred by our office cannot be considered for the position.

Memo to Honorable Johnny Naize, Speaker July 03, 2013 Page 2 of 2

You are hereby authorized to make an offer of employment to the successful applicant, after selection and/or approval by the Department Director. However, you selection must be from among the applicant(s) listed on this memorandum for the position referenced above. This delegation of authority is valid only for this position vacancy.

If you are unable to make a selection from this applicant pool, you will need to re-advertise the position for an additional ten days.

In accordance with the established Recruitment Selection and Hiring Procedures, please give the reason why the successful applicant was selected. Also, state the reasons why the other applicant(s) were not selected.

You are responsible for formally notifying all unsuccessful applicants, referred by our office. Copies of the notification letters must be submitted with the hiring justification memorandum.

If you wish to re-advertise the position, please contact Ora J. Wauneka at extension 6156 prior to the publication date of the next job vacancy announcement. If you have any questions regarding the referrals or the Recruitment, Selection and Hiring Procedures, please do not hesitate to call us.

xc: Position File

DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT **Listing of Qualified Navajo Applicants**

REQUISITION NO: LB0037806

CLOSING DATE: 09/30/2015

POSITION NO: 231898

CLASS CODE: 0211 Chief Legislative Counsel

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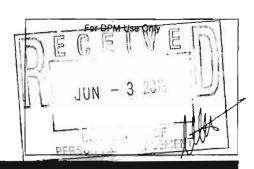
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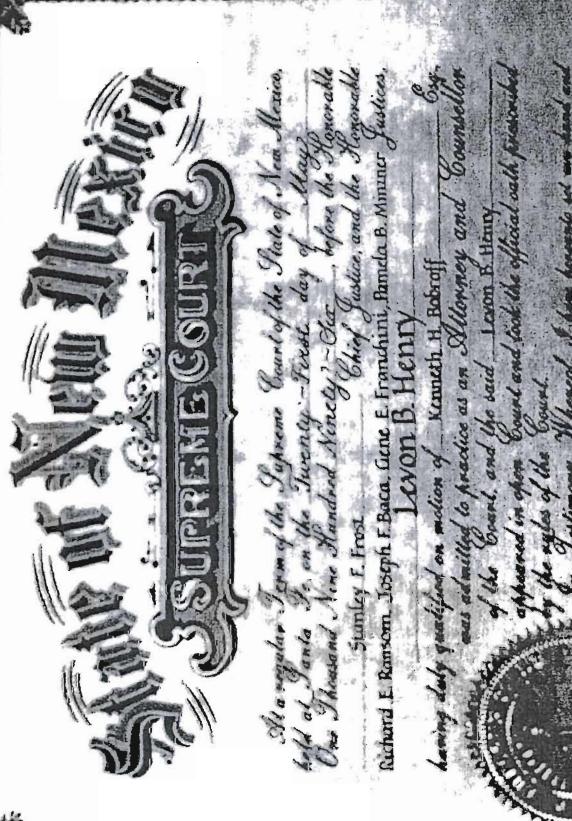
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Chief Legislative Counsel application

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CHIEF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

The Office of Legislative Counsel seeks to fill the Chief Legislative Counsel position to work with the Legislative Branch of the Navajo Nation Government.

The Chief Legislative Counsel serves as legal counsel to the Navajo Nation Council; provides comprehensive legal guidance and advice to the Navajo Nation Council, standing committees, boards, commissions, and the Legislative Branch; coordinates with the Department of Justice and other attorneys in providing legal services to the Nation; provides advice and representation, interpretation of law, research, analysis and representation in mediation and administrative hearing; provides training and orientation in specific laws and areas of law; directs and performs complex legal research and analysis of laws, legal precedents, and issue; drafts, reviews and prepares proposed legislation, reports, legal documents, correspondence for the Navajo Nation Council and entities of the Legislative Branch; responsible for the codification of Navajo Nation laws, rules and regulations; develops annual work plan and budget for the Office of Legislative Counsel; attends meetings, training and seminars in support of continuing legal education requirements; prepares and submits activity reports to the Office of the Speaker.

The Chief Legislative Counsel must have a Juris Doctorate and twelve (12) years of professional work experience as a state licensed attorney, four (4) years of which must have been in a supervisory or lead capacity. Current admission in any state bar with the intention of seeking and securing admission to the Navajo Nation Bar Association and either the Arizona, New Mexico or Utah Bar within one (1) year of date of hire.

Application shall be submitted to the Navajo Nation Department of Personnel Management on official Navajo Nation Employment Application forms, along with copies of J.D. diploma and state bar membership certificate, and Navajo Nation law license. Application available at www.dpm.navajo-nsn.gov. Copies of the application and accompanying documents are also to be submitted to the Office of Legislative Counsel at the address below.

The Chief Legislative Counsel serves as legal counsel to the Navajo Nation Council at a negotiated salary. Veterans' Preference applies. The Navajo Nation will give preference to qualified applicant in accordance with the Navajo Preference in Employment Act.

Closing Date: Open until filled

Contact: Mariana Kahn, Acting Chief Legislative Counsel or Ronald Haven,

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Window Rock, Arizona 86515

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Leonard Tsosie

Navajo Nation Council Delegate

FROM:

Carolyn R. West, Attorney Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: January 13, 2015

SUBJECT: AN ACTION RELATING TO AN EMERGENCY; APPOINTING LEVON B.

HENRY AS CHIEF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

As requested, I prepared the above-reference proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet. Based on existing law and review of documents submitted, the resolution drafted is legally sufficient. However, as with all legislation, the proposed resolution is subject to review by the courts in the event of challenge. You are encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure this is drafted to your satisfaction.

If you are satisfied with the proposed resolution, please sign as "Primary Sponsor" and submit to the Office of Legislative Services where the proposed resolution will be given a tracking number and sent to the Office of the Speaker for assignment.

If the proposed legislation is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like to make.



January 14, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Members

Navajo Nation Council

FROM

Hon. Kee Allen Beggy, Speaker Pro Tem

22nd Navajo Nation Council

SUBJECT

ASSIGNMENT OF LEGISLATION

Pursuant to 2 N.N.C § 164 (A)(4), this memorandum serves to inform and advise you that I assign the following legislation to the Navajo Nation Council;

Legislation No. 0004-15

RELATING TO AN EMERGENCY; APPOINTING LEVON B. HENRY AS CHIEF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL.

As the Committee assigned to consider the legislation, Legislation No. 0004-15 must be placed on the Navajo Nation Council's agenda at the next regular meeting for final consideration.

ATTACHMENT: Legislation No. 0004-15

xc: Hon. Ben Shelly, President

The Navajo Nation

Harrison Tsosie, Attorney General

Mark Grant, Controller

Dominic Beyal, Executive Director, OMB

Honorable Leonard Tsosie, Council Delegate (Prime Sponsor)