

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Third Year, 2017

AN ACTION

RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND NAVAJO NATION
COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT OF TINA
TSINIGINE AS NAVAJO NATION DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

BE IT ENACTED:

Section One. Findings and Purpose

1. Navajo Nation District Court Judges are selected by appointment and confirmation. See generally, 7 N.N.C. §355. The Law and Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Council initially determines the qualifications of all applicants for judgeships. 2 N.N.C. §601(B)(7) and 7 N.N.C. §355(A). The names of those deemed qualified are forwarded to the President of the Navajo Nation for appointment. The appointments of the President are subject to Navajo Nation Council confirmation. *Id.*
2. The Honorable Russell Begaye, President of the Navajo Nation, has appointed Ms. Tina Tsinigine to serve as Judge, Navajo Nation District Courts. See attached Exhibit "A." See also, resolution of the Law and Order Committee, LOCJN-05-17, marked as Exhibit "B."

Section Two. Confirmation as Probationary Judge

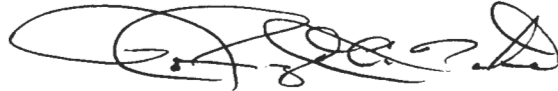
1. The Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms Ms. Tina Tsinigine as District Court Judge, Navajo Nation Judicial Branch.
2. As mandated by Navajo Nation law, the Honorable Tina Tsinigine shall serve a two-year probationary term.

Section Three. Navajo Nation Privacy Act

Pursuant to the Navajo Nation Privacy Act, 2 N.N.C. §81 et seq., confidential information within application documents shall remain protected except upon its authorized disclosure by the appointee hereof.

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 12 in favor and 01 opposed, this 17th day of October 2017.



LoRenzo C. Bates, Speaker
Navajo Nation Council

10-25-17

Date

Motion: Honorable Jonathan Perry
Second: Honorable Nelson S. BeGaye

Speaker Bates not voting



THE NAVAJO NATION

RUSSELL BEGAYE **PRESIDENT**
JONATHAN NEZ **VICE PRESIDENT**

June 19, 2017

Tina Tsingine
P.O. Box 502
Tuba City, AZ 86045



Re: Appointment as a District Court Judge for the Navajo Nation

Mrs. Tsingine,

We are in receipt of the Law and Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Council No. LOCJN-05-17 on June 12, 2017. Pursuant to 7 N.N.C. 335(A), the Law and Order Committee through Resolution no. LOCJN-05-17 has found you have met the qualifications and recommend you to be appointed as a Navajo Nation District Court Judge.

As a judge, you will be tasked to uphold and protect the laws of the Navajo Nation and exemplify virtues of both honesty and integrity. After review of the performance evaluation submitted by the Judicial Branch and resume, we have confidence that you will meet these standards. Also, remember that you are a servant to the people of the Navajo Nation and I trust you will fulfill your duties and set a standard for others to follow.

Therefore, we are please to appoint you as a District Court Judge for the Navajo Nation. Pursuant to 7 N.N.C. 335(A), this appointment is subject to final confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council.

Sincerely,

THE NAVAJO NATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell Begaye".

Russell Begaye, *President*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan M. Nez".

Jonathan M. Nez, *Vice President*

RESOLUTION OF THE
LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE
OF THE 23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL



23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - THIRD YEAR, 2017

AN ACTION

RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER; RECOMMENDING TO THE NAVAJO NATION
PRESIDENT THE PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT OF TINA TSINIGINE AS
NAVAJO NATION DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 600(A).
- B. The Law and Order Committee determines the qualifications of all applicants for Navajo Nation District Court judge appointment and makes recommendations for such appointments the Navajo Nation President. 2 N.N.C. § 601(B)(7) and 7 N.N.C. § 355(A).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. Ms. Tina Tsinigine, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, is an applicant for appointment as District Court judge. Ms. Tsinigine's application has been reviewed by the Law and Order Committee, and she has been interviewed by the committee.
- B. The Law and Order Committee determines that Ms. Tina Tsinigine meets the qualifications for appointment as Navajo Nation District Court judge.

SECTION THREE. RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT

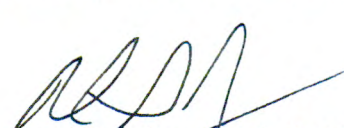
The Law and Order Committee recommends to the Navajo Nation President the probationary appointment of Ms. Tina Tsinigine as Navajo Nation District Court judge, subject to confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council.

SECTION FOUR. DIRECTIVE

The Office of Human Resources, the Administrative Office of the Judicial Branch of the Navajo Nation, shall immediately submit to the Navajo Nation President all documents provided by the applicant recommended for appointment. Confidential information within application documents shall remain protected except upon authorized disclosure by the applicant. 2 N.N.C. § 81 et seq.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Law and Order Committee of the 23rd 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 4 in favor and 0 oppose, this 12th day of June, 2017



Honorable Raymond Smith Jr,
Vice Chairperson
Law and Order Committee

Motion: Honorable Herman M. Daniels
Second: Honorable Otto Tso

NAVAJO NATION

RCS# 855

NNC Fall Session

10/17/2017

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Legislation No. 0266-17

PASSED

MOT Perry

Tina Tsinigine as NN District

SEC BeGaye, N

Court Judge

Yea : 12

Nay : 1

Not Voting : 10

Yea : 12

Begay, K
Begay, S
BeGaye, N

Chee
Damon
Perry

Phelps
Shepherd
Slim

Smith
Tso
Yazzie

Nay : 1

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Not Voting : 10

Bates
Begay, NM
Bennett

Crotty
Daniels
Filfred

Hale
Jack
Pete

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