

**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**  
**Tracking No. 0022-19**

**DATE:** January 29, 2019

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION;  
AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION  
COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JT J. WILLIE AS NAVAJO NATION  
DIVISION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**PURPOSE:** If approved by the Navajo Nation Council, this legislation would confirm the  
appointment of JT J. Willie as Executive Director of the Navajo Nation Division of Economic  
Development.

**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  
2 24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2019

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15 **Section One. Authority**

- 16 A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C.  
17 § 102(A).  
18 B. A proposed resolution requiring final action by the Navajo Nation Council shall be  
19 assigned to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. §164(A) (9).  
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21 **Section Two. Findings**

- 22 A. The Navajo Nation President appoints a person as the Navajo Nation Division of  
23 Economic Development Executive Director. 2 N.N.C. §1503.  
24 B. The Navajo Nation President appoints JT J. Willie as the Navajo Nation Division of  
25 Economic Development Executive Director. Mr. Willie's appointment letter and  
26 résumé are attached as **Exhibit A**.  
27 C. The appointed Navajo Nation Division of Economic Development Executive Director  
28 serves at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation President. 2 N.N.C. §1503.  
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**Section Three. Confirmation of the Navajo Nation Division of Economic Development Executive Director**

- A. The Navajo Nation Council confirms Mr. JT J. Willie as the Navajo Nation Division of Economic Development Executive Director.
- B. Mr. JT J. Willie shall serve at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation President.

# THE NAVAJO NATION

JONATHAN NEZ | PRESIDENT   MYRON LIZER | VICE PRESIDENT



January 15, 2019

JT J. Willie  
Post Office Box  
Gallup, New Mexico 87305

**RE: Appointment as Division Director for the Navajo Nation Division of Economic Development**

Dear Mr. Willie,

The Nez-Lizer Administration was elected on a mandate of change for the Navajo Nation. This change involves appointing qualified, motivated and experienced individuals who will move the Navajo Nation forward by "Working Together" to serve the Navajo people. This letter shall serve as a formal notification to your appointment as Division Director for the Navajo Nation Division of Economic Development (NNDED). This appointment will take effect on February 04, 2019 at 8:00AM. Please note that this position is subject to confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council.

Your duties as director are outlined at 2NNC §1503. You shall be responsible for the administration and management of the Division of Economic Development and supervision of all applicable personnel. This includes ensuring compliance with all applicable Navajo Nation laws and policies.

Your salary will be that of the current budgeted salary for the position. Throughout this appointment, you will report to the Chief of Staff under the Office of the President and Vice President. Again, we thank you for your willingness to serve the Navajo people. Ahe'hee.

  
Jonathan Nez, President  
THE NAVAJO NATION

  
Myron Lizer, Vice President  
THE NAVAJO NATION

## **JT J. Willie**

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### **OBJECTIVE**

To retain and excel a career in the professional setting of the Navajo Nation, tribal economic development, and continue obtaining self-growth as a leader.

### **EDUCATION**

#### **Masters of Public Administration** *Awarded: May 15, 2014*

The University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

- Emphasis: Human Resources Management & Policy

#### **Bachelor of Business Administration** *Awarded: May 17, 2008*

The University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

- Concentration: Human Resources Management
- Minor: Native American Studies – Federal Indian Policy

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### **Director of Marketing** *June 27, 2016 to current*

Tsehootsooi Medical Center, Fort Defiance, AZ

- Establish a branding concept for facility
- Create a marketing plan for facility to function
- Unify the logos and branding information for the FDIHB
- Supervise staff in the marketing department which involves outreach programs
- Assist in all outreach activities from coordinating runs, walks, awareness seminars, and cultural programs.
- Prepare a plan for visual and audio marketing for FDIHB
- Develop community economic development based on medical facility
- Establish medical economic development
- Work closely with CEO, Division Chiefs, and Board of Directors in marketing

#### **Director of Marketing & Sales** *Aug 2008 to June 24, 2016*

Navajo Arts & Crafts Enterprise, Window Rock, AZ

- Developed a marketing plan for the enterprise
- Expand the jewelry selection of the enterprise featuring various artist
- Establish strong relationships with the Navajo Nation Government in economic development strategies
- Promote the enterprise through travel shows around the United States
- Supervise marketing, payroll, graphics, embroidery, and sales associates
- Create programs for customer service and product quality
- Oversee all store locations throughout the Navajo reservation

#### **Project Manager** *June 2008 to Aug 2008*

Navajo Fine Jewelry & Collectibles, Window Rock, AZ

- Developed plan of operation for trademark usage
- Created trademark labels own by NACE that are registered under the PTO

- Coordinate various special events sponsored by NACE
- Supervise marketing department and intense campaign advertising

**Human Resources Intern**

*Dec 2007 to Jan 2008*

Navajo Fine Jewelry & Collectibles, Window Rock, AZ

- Developed affirmative action plan.
- Implemented affirmative action plan into employee handbook.
- Researched legal language regarding handbook information.

**Operations Manager Intern**

*May 2007 to Aug 2007*

Navajo Fine Jewelry & Collectibles, Window Rock, AZ

- Worked to repair inventory management and stability.
- Created and designed a just-in-time (JIT) system for inventory management.
- Created and designed an electronic data interchange (EDI) with product vendors, accounting systems, and branch stores.
- Cross-trained in organizational development

**Accounts Receivable Specialist**

*May 2003 to Aug. 2006*

Navajo Arts & Crafts Enterprise, Window Rock, AZ

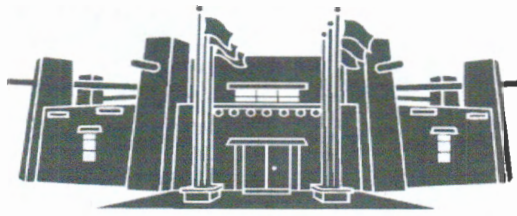
- Responsible for internal accounting transactions of enterprise.
- Organized customer payroll systems of the Navajo Nation Payroll Deduction System.
- Established customer payroll systems with enterprise accounting system and consumer payroll departments.

**AFFILIATIONS**

American Indian Arts & Crafts Association, American Indian Business Association, Federal Bar's Indian Law Association, National Indian Education Association, National Indian Health Board Association, and Board of Director Vice Chair of Navajo Nation Shopping Centers, Inc.

**SUMMARY**

A well minded and goal oriented individual with strong experience of management in marketing, operations, and human resources. Knowledge of business operations from educational learning to real life business operations. Strong in leadership with integrity and respect of cultural values.



**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Edmund Yazzie  
Churchrock, Iyanbito, Mariano Lake, Pinedale, Smith Lake and Thoreau Chapters

FROM: Mariana Kahn  
Mariana Kahn, Attorney  
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: January 29, 2019

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As requested, I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting.

Based on existing law and review of documents submitted, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. As with any action of government however, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge.

The Office of Legislative Counsel confirms the appropriate standing committee(s) based on the standing committees powers outlined in 2 N.N.C. §§301, 401, 501, 601 and 701. Nevertheless, "the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall introduce [the proposed resolution] into the legislative process by assigning it to the respective oversight committee(s) of the Navajo Nation Council having authority over the matters for proper consideration." 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(5).

Please ensure that his particular resolution request is precisely what you want. You are encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure that it is drafted to your satisfaction.