2024 NAVAJO NATION CHAPTER ELECTION ELECTION DATE: DECEMBER 10, 2024

CHAPTER(S) POSITION(S)

CHINLE AGENCY

Black Mesa President Chinle President

Vice President

Many Farms High School Board

Lukachukai President Many Farms President

Vice President

Pinon Pinon Community /Black Mesa Community School Board

A/L-Cottonwood Day/Jeehdeez'a Elementary School

Chapters: Low Mountain, Pinon & Tachee/Blue Gap

Tachee/Blue Gap Secretary/Treasurer

A/L-Cottonwood Day/Jeehdeez'a Elementary School

Chapters: Low Mountain, Pinon & Tachee/Blue Gap

Tsé Ch'izhí President

Many Farms Community School Board

Tselani/Cottonwood President
Whippoorwill President
Vice President

Secretary/Treasurer

EASTERN NAVAJO AGENCY

Agency Wide Navajo Preparatory School Board

31 Chapters

Counselor Vice-President Huerfano Land Board

Nageezi Dzilth-Na-O-Dith-Hle Community/Hanna'dli Community-Dormitory School Board

Ojo Encino President
Pinedale Vice-President

Secretary/Treasurer

Mariano Lake Community School Board

Ramah Vice-President

Ramah Navajo School (Pine Hill Schools)

Smith Lake President

Vice-President

Thoreau Vice-President

SecretaryTreasurer

Tohajiilee Vice-President

Whitehorse Lake President

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FORT DEFIANCE AGENCY

Bahastl'a'a' Secretary/Treasurer

Coyote Canyon Grazing Committee Member

Crystal President

Grazing Committee Member

Ganado Farm Board Houck President

Klagetoh Secretary/Treasurer

Low Mountain A/L-Cottonwood Day/Jeehdeez'a Elementary School

Chapters: Low Mountain, Pinon & Tachee/Blue Gap

Nahata Dzill Commissioners

Naschitti Grazing Committee Member

Oaksprings A/L-Hunter's Point Boarding School Board

Chapters: Oaksprings and Sawmill

Red Lake Vice President

Farm Board

Crystal Boarding School Board

Sawmill President

A/L-Hunter's Point Boarding School Board

Chapters: Oaksprings and Sawmill

St. Michaels President

Steamboat Commissioners
Tsé si ´Áni Vice President

NORTHERN NAVAJO AGENCY

Beclabito Vice President Red Mesa President

WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY

Coalmine Canyon President

Vice President

To Nanees Dizi Grazing Committee Member

Tsídii Toʻii President

Vice President

Secretary/Treasurer

RESOLUTION OF THE NAVAJO BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS

Directing the Navajo Election Administration to conduct a Continuation of the General Election on December 10, 2024 for Elective Positions Removed from the November 5, 2024 Chapter General Election Ballot due to Grievances resulting from Disqualifications for Failure to File Campaign Expense Statements, provided grievances and any appeals concerning such positions have been resolved and/or appeal periods have expired

WHEREAS:

- 1. The Navajo Board of Election Supervisors of the Navajo Nation is empowered by 11 N.N.C. §321 (A) (1) to administer, implement and enforce the Navajo Election Code.
- 2. Pursuant to the Navajo Election Code, the board is "authorized to postpone for a maximum of sixty (60) days any Navajo [Nation] election for the purpose of printing new ballots required because of changed circumstances. 11 N.N.C. §3(E).
- 3. The Navajo Nation held its 2024 Chapter Primary Election on July 30, 2024. After such elections, all candidates were required to file Campaign Expense Statements within 10 days of the election. 11 N.N.C. §202. A number of candidates failed to file such required statements within this time period, including successful candidates. These candidates were disqualified as required by law. 11 N.N.C. §203. For candidates disqualified, a number of grievances were filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA).
- 4. By resolution BOESS-43-24, the Board on September 24, 2024 "authorize[d] and direct[ed] the Navajo Election Administration to remove all positions from the 2024 Chapter General Election Ballots which are in dispute due to ongoing hearings concerning failure to file Campaign Expense Statements" in the preceding Chapter Primary Election. *Id.*, *Resolved clause*. Since this Resolution was enacted, a number of rulings have been rendered by OHA regarding such hearings.
- 5. It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation that elections be conducted for those positions in which grievances for failure to file Campaign Expense Statements have been resolved and/or appeal periods have expired.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The Navajo Board of Election Supervisors hereby directs the Navajo Election Administration to conduct a continuation of the General Election on December 10, 2024 for elective positions removed from the November 5, 2024 Chapter General Election ballot due to grievances resulting from disqualifications for failure to file Campaign Expense Statements as required by law, provided grievances and any appeals relative to such positions have been resolved and/or appeal periods have expired. Attached as **EXHIBIT A** are the positions up for the election set for December 10, 2024.
- 2. The Navajo Election Administration shall post all necessary notices regarding this action of the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors.

- 3. This Resolution shall be limited to candidates originally filing in the 2024 Chapter Primary Election. As this action of the Board does not authorize a Special Election, no new candidates shall be allowed to file candidate applications.
- 4. Pursuant to 11 N.N.C. §44, in situations in which one or both successful candidates from the Chapter Primary Election have been disqualified due to campaign expense provisions, and all remedies have been exhausted, a candidate or candidates receiving the next higher number of votes shall be automatically placed on the December 10, 2024 election ballot provided such candidates have complied with requirements of the Election Code.
- 5. Voter registration shall remain closed for the affected chapters listed in **EXHIBIT A.**
- 6. For grievance or appeal cases resolved after the enactment of this resolution, elections concerning such positions shall be set by the Election Administration after the inauguration in January 2025.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors at a duly called meeting within the Navajo Nation in Window Rock, Arizona, during which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of (8) in favor, (0) opposed, and (0) abstained, this 7th of November 2024.

Melvin Harrison, Chairperson Navajo Board of Election Supervisors

Motion: Shirlee A. Bedonie Second: Leta D. Honnie