TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services and Naabik’íyáti’; Respectfully recommending the continuation of funding under the Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging Older Americans Act Title VI Grants, Parts A, B and C, for the grant period of April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2023

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TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'; RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDING THE CONTINUATION OF FUNDING UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING/ADMINISTRATION ON AGING OLDER AMERICANS ACT TITLE VI GRANTS, PARTS A, B AND C, FOR THE GRANT PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2020 TO MARCH 31, 2023

PURPOSE: This resolution recommends the continuation of funding under the federal Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging Older Americans Act Title Vi Grants. Parts A, B and C, for the grant period of April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2023.

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 STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2019

INTRODUCED BY

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FUNDING UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY
LIVING/ADMINISTRATION ON AGING OLDER AMERICANS ACT TITLE VI
GRANTS, PARTS A, B AND C, FOR THE GRANT PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2020 TO
MARCH 31, 2023

WHEREAS:

1. The Navajo Nation is a federally recognized Tribe existing and acting pursuant to its
   inherent and retained sovereignty.

2. The Health, Education and Social Services Committee, generally, is empowered to
   act in all matters that concern the health, safety, and well-being of the Navajo Nation
   and its members. The committee represents the Navajo Nation "at local, state and
   federal levels, in coordination with the President of the Navajo Nation and the
   Naabik’iyáti’ Committee on proposed legislation, funding and other actions affecting
   health, environmental health, social services, education, veterans services,
   employment, training and labor." 2 N.N.C. § 401(B)(7).

3. The Federal government provides funding to American Indians, Alaskan Natives, and
   Native Hawaiians under Title VI of the Older Americans Act (OAA). The purpose of
the act to promote the delivery of nutrition, supportive and caregiver services that are comparable to services provided under Title III of the OAA. The goal of these programs is to support the independence and well-being of elders and caregivers living in their communities with nutrition, supportive and caregiver services consistent with locally-determined needs. See, "https://acl.gov/grants/funding."

4. Parts A and B of Title VI (of the OAA) authorize grants to Indian tribes authority to provide nutrition and supportive services. Required nutrition services include congregate meals and home-delivered meals. Other nutrition-related services could include nutrition counseling, nutrition education, sponsorship of farmer's market programs, or distribution centers for food banks and charitable organizations. Required supportive services include information and assistance, but these funds could also provide transportation, chore services, and many other services that contribute to the well-being of elders. "Id."

5. Part C of Title VI (OAA) authorizes grants to Indian tribes for caregiver support services. The program helps provide locally-determined systems of support services for family caregivers. "Id."

6. The services made available by the funding received from the Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging Older Americans Act is beneficial to the Navajo Nation's elders and their caregivers.

7. There is a critical need to continue the delivery of nutrition, supportive and caregiver services to the community elders and their caregivers.

8. The Navajo Nation recognizes its sovereign inherent right to serve elders age 60 and older and to seek funding for such service. The Navajo Nation further declares that the elder population meets the eligibility requirements required by the Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging Older Americans Act Title VI grants for Nutrition and Supportive Services, Parts A and B, and the Family Caregiver Program, Part C.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:
1. The Health, Education & Social Services Committee respectfully requests the continuation of funding under the Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging Older Americans Act Title VI grants, Parts A, B and C for the grant period of April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2023.

2. Navajo Nation assures that the compliance requirements as well as the rules and regulations associated with the Title VI Parts A, B and C of the Older Americans Act shall be met.