LEGISLATION NO: _0167-19_____ SPONSOR: Pernell Halona

TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education And Human Services And Naabik’íyáti’ Committees And Navajo Nation Council; Amending CJY-57-18, Titled “Relating To An Emergency For The Navajo Nation; Approving Supplemental Funding From The Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance In The Amount Of Six Million Three Hundred Thirty-three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-three ($6,333,333) To The Navajo Head Start Program, Waiving 12 N.N.C. § 820 (E) And (F)”; Allowing The Navajo Nation Head Start Program To Use Supplemental Funds To Pay Past Due Bills And Other Debts

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DATE: June 20, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING CJY-57-18, TITLED “RELATING TO AN EMERGENCY FOR THE NAVAJO NATION; APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FROM THE UNRESERVED, UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF SIX MILLION THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE ($6,333,333) TO THE NAVAJO HEAD START PROGRAM, WAIVING 12 N.N.C. §820 (E) AND (F); ALLOWING THE NAVAJO NATION HEAD START PROGRAM TO USE SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS TO PAY PAST DUE BILLS AND OTHER DEBTS

PURPOSE: The purpose of this legislation is to amend CJY-57-18 to allow the Navajo Nation Head Start Program to use the supplemental approved in FY 2018 to be used to pay past due bills and other debts.

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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DEBTS

BE IT ENACTED:

Section One. Authority

A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council
is empowered to oversee the Department of Diné Education. The Navajo Nation Head
Start Program falls under the Department of Diné Education, 2 N.N.C. § 401(C)(1).
B. The Naabik’iýati’ Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is empowered to review
all proposed legislation which requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council, 2
N.N.C. §164(A)(9).
C. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102 (A).

Section Two. Findings

A. The Navajo Nation approved Council Resolution CJY-57-18, attached as Exhibit A, titled “Relating to an Emergency for the Navajo Nation: Approving Supplemental Funding From the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance in the Amount of Six Million Three Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three ($6,333,333) to the Navajo Head Start Program. Waiving 12 N.N.C. §820 (F) And (F)” for Head Start to continue “to provide direct services to the 2,105 funded slots under the Head Start and Early Head Start programs.” Exhibit A, Section 2. Paragraph B.

B. The Resolution was offered as an emergency since it impacted the Navajo Nation’s ability to provide direct services. Exhibit A, Section 1. Paragraph C.

C. The supplemental appropriation was approved to be “used as matching funds and/or in-kind to the federal grant for Head Start appropriation or grant to the Navajo Nation for FY 2018 and later years.” Exhibit A, Section 3. Paragraph A.

D. Navajo Nation Head Start requests the approval for supplemental funding be amended to include unpaid bills and other debts that cannot be paid through its current funding.

Section Three. Proposed Amendment to CJY-57-18

The Navajo Nation hereby amends Council Resolution. CJY-57-18. Section Three, Paragraph A, as follows:

This supplemental appropriation of $6,333,333 shall be from that amount of funds that exceeds the minimum fund balance of the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance as determined by the Office of the Controller and to Business Unit Number, NFW. The appropriation may be used as matching funds and/or in-kind to the federal grant for Headstart appropriation or grant to the Navajo Nation for FY 2018 and later years.
Additionally, the Navajo Nation Head Start Program is permitted to use this supplemental appropriation to pay past due bills and other debts.

Section Four. Approval

The Navajo Nation approves the amendment as indicated in Section Three above.