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TITLE: An Action Relating To Law And Order, Budget And Finance And NAABIK'IYATI'; Concurring With The President’s Acceptance Of The Bureau Of Indian Affairs Indian Highway Safety Program Law Enforcement Grant

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DATE: March 21, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, BUDGET AND FINANCE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'; CONCURRING WITH THE PRESIDENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS INDIAN HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to concur with the former Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye’s acceptance and execution of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Highway Safety Program Law Enforcement Grant.

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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TRACKING NO. 0078-19

AN ACTION

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BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

A. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and is empowered to grant final approval for agreements negotiated by public safety programs with other federal agencies subject to Naabik’iýáti’ Committee approval when required by law. See 2 N.N.C. §§ 600 (A) and 601 (B)(1)(a).

B. The Budget and Finance Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and is empowered to authorize, review, approve and accept agreements, including contracts and grants, between the Navajo Nation and any federal, state or regional authority upon the recommendation of the standing committee which has oversight over the division, department or program which has applied for the agreement, or upon recommendation of the Chapter.” See 2 N.N.C. §§ 300 (A) and 301 (B)(15).

C. The Naabik’iýáti’ Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and among other statutory powers, the committee has the delegated responsibility to
"review and continually monitor the programs and activities of federal and state
departments and to assist development of such programs designed to serve the Navajo
People and the Navajo Nation through intergovernmental relationships between the
Navajo Nation and such departments." See 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A) and 701 (A)(7).
D. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 164 (B)(1), grants providing funds to the Navajo Nation do
not require Committee or Council approval.
E. The President or Vice-President of the Navajo Nation or their designee shall execute
contracts or agreements pertaining to the Executive Branch. See 2 N.N.C. § 222 (A).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS
A. The Navajo Division of Public Safety is established within the Executive Branch of
the Navajo Nation Government. See 2 N.N.C. § 1351.
B. The Navajo Department of Public Safety submitted a grant application to the Bureau
of Indian Affairs for the Indian Highway Safety Program Law Enforcement Grant.
The grant application provides a detailed budget of how the prospective funds will be
utilized by the Division of Public Safety. See Grant Application attached hereto as
Exhibit A.
C. The grant is intended to supplement existing law enforcement traffic safety programs
on Indian reservations with grant funds provided in the form of reimbursement. See
Grant Instructions attached as Exhibit B.
D. Although not required under Navajo Nation law, the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the
Indian Highway Safety Program Law Enforcement requests a formal resolution from
the Navajo Nation to complete the grant application submitted by the Navajo Division
of Public Safety.
E. On September 28, 2018, former Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye accepted the
$536,360.00 grant on behalf of the Navajo Nation through an executed Bureau of
Indian Affairs Indian Highway Safety Grant Agreement attached as Exhibit C.
F. The award and budget has been entered into the Navajo Financial Management
Information System ("FMIS") "pursuant to the Navajo Nation President’s
authorization." However, the Office of Management and Budget Contracts and Grants
Section has noted that the Navajo Nation Police Department must correct the DUNS number to fully comply with the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Instructions Manual. See attached Exhibit D.

SECTION THREE. CONCURRENCE WITH THE PRESIDENT'S ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS INDIAN HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT

The Navajo Nation through the 24th Navajo Nation Council hereby concurs with the former Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye's acceptance and execution of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Highway Safety Program Law Enforcement Grant.