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AN ACT BUDGET AND FINANCE, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, NAA'BIKI'YÁTI', AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FROM THE UNRESERVED, UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE MILLION DOLLARS ($3,000,000) FOR THE 110 NAVAJO NATION CHAPTER'S SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

PURPOSE: Providing $3,000,000 for Summer Youth Employment to the Nation’s 110 Chapters.

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 review the proposed resolution in detail.
PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2019

INTRODUCED BY

(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0121-19

AN ACT

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BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY

A. The Navajo Nation established the Budget and Finance Committee (BFC) as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered BFC to review and recommend to the Navajo Nation Council the management of all funds. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 300 (A), 301 (B)(2).

B. The Navajo Nation established the Resources and Development Committee (RDC) as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such gave RDC oversight over Navajo Nation Chapters. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 500 (A), 501 (C)(1).

C. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation standing committee and as such proposed legislation that requires final
action by the Navajo Nation Council shall be assigned to the Naabik’iyáti’
Committee. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 700 (A).

SECTION 2. FINDINGS

A. The Title 12 Finance Act Supplemental Appropriation requirements include:

1. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 820(M), all requests for annual operating funds and supplemental funds shall be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for budget impact analysis. A preview of the appropriation legislation is available to the OMB for their budget impact analysis response. The OMB review for this legislation has not yet been completed and must be provided prior to the approval of this legislation.

2. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 820(L), when the Controller identifies additional sources of revenues above and beyond the initial or current revenue projections, supplemental appropriations may be allocated by the Navajo Nation Council. The Office of the Controller has provided a Report that as of April 10, 2019 the update balance in the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance is $42,334,700.00. This report is attached as Exhibit B.

B. "Diné Customary Law declares and teaches that: [i]t is the right and freedom of the people that our children are provided with education to absorb wisdom, self-knowledge, and knowledge to empower them to make a living and participate in the growth of the Navajo Nation." 1 N.N.C. § 204 (F).

C. One way for the Navajo Nation to honor Diné Customary Law is to assist high school and college students with temporary employment.

D. The Summer Youth Employment program offers high school and college students the opportunity to gain work experience during their summer breaks.

E. The Summer Youth Employment program offers high school and college students the opportunity to earn funds to pay for some of their school expenses.

F. The Summer Youth Employment program aligns with Diné Customary Law by providing Navajo Nation children with “education to absorb wisdom, self-
knowledge, and knowledge to empower them to make a living and participate in
the growth of the Navajo Nation.” 1 N.N.C. § 204 (F).

G. The supplemental funding to the 110 Navajo Nation Chapters shall be allocated
as follows: “fifty percent (50%) of the appropriation shall be divided equally
among all chapters and the remaining fifty percent (50%) shall be divided
proportionately among the chapters using a percentage equal to that figure which
the number of registered voters in each chapter bears to the whole of registered
Navajo Nation votes as determined by the most current voter registration figures
available as of the date of the appropriation.” 12 N.N.C. § 820(O).

H. The supplemental funding will be deposited with each of the 110 Navajo Nation
Chapters per the Budget Forms. These forms are attached as Exhibit A.

I. The Navajo Nation hereby finds it is in the best interest of the Navajo People to
approve this supplemental funding request.

SECTION 3. APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FROM THE
UNRESERVED, UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF
$3,000,000 FOR 110 NAVAJO NATION CHAPTERS, BUSINESS UNIT
NUMBERS 108014-108123

A. This supplemental appropriation of $3,000,000 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 the 110
Navajo Nation Chapters, Business Unit Numbers 108014-108123.

B. The Navajo Nation hereby approves supplemental funding from the Unreserved,
Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of $3,000,000 for the 110 Navajo
Nation Chapters, Business Unit Numbers 108014-108123, to fund the Summer
Youth Employment program.

C. The supplemental funding will be deposited with each of the 110 Navajo Nation
Chapters using the 50/50 formula as described in 12 N.N.C. § 820(O), per
Exhibit A.