LEGISLATION NO: _0137-19_____ SPONSOR: Nathaniel Brown

TITLE: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEES; APPROVING A BUDGET MODIFICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $400,000.00 TO NAVAJO TOURISM DEPARTMENT, BUSINESS UNIT 510003

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0137-19

DATE: May 22, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEES; APPROVING A BUDGET MODIFICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $400,000.00 TO NAVAJO TOURISM DEPARTMENT, BUSINESS UNIT 510003

PURPOSE: If approved, this resolution will approve a budget modification of $400,000.00 for the Navajo Nation Department of Tourism.

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 NAVAJO NATION STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2019

INTRODUCED BY

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(Prime Sponsor)

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AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEES; APPROVING A BUDGET MODIFICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $400,000.00 TO NAVAJO TOURISM DEPARTMENT.

BUSINESS UNIT 510003

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

A. The Department of Tourism is within the Division of Economic Development. The Resources and Development Committee serves as the oversight committee for the Division of Economic Development. 2 N.N.C § 501 (C)(1).

B. The Navajo Nation Tourism Fund Management Plan indicates that, “[a]n annual budget and expenditure plan for the Navajo Nation Tourism Fund shall be prepared for review and recommended for approval by the Economic Development Committee [now Resources and Development Committee] and Budget and Finance Committee of the Navajo Nation Council through the annual budget process.” Navajo Nation Tourism Fund Management Plan, Exhibit D, Section 6. Annual Budget/Expenditure Plan.
C. A budget modification is an increase or decrease to an existing business unit budget in a previously approved budget. Budget modifications require oversight approval, unless it is a prior approval of carryover funds. This budget modification does not involve carryover funds so oversight approval is required. Navajo Nation Budget Instruction Manual, Fiscal Year 2018, Section XIII(C)(1)(c).

D. The Tourism Fund Management Plan indicates the committees with legislative oversight of the Tourism Fund are the Resources and Development Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee. Navajo Nation Tourism Fund Management Plan, Section 9.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. The Navajo Nation enacted the Hotel Occupancy Tax, 24 N.N.C. §§ 701 et. seq.

B. The Hotel Occupancy Tax ("HOT") is retained in the Navajo Nation Tourism Fund. Consistent with Navajo laws utilizing the prudent person rule, the HOT shall be applied for the advancement of tourism promotion and to develop projects throughout the Navajo Nation, 24 N.N.C. §741(A).

C. The Navajo Nation Tourism Department has requested a budget modification to Business Unit # 510003, in the amount of $400,000.00 to match the Shiprock Chapter funds for construction of the Visitors Center. Budget forms supporting this request are attached as Exhibit A.

D. The Navajo Nation Office of the Controller has determined funds are available in the Navajo Nation Tourism Fund. A Memorandum from Robert Willie, Office of the Controller, is contained in Exhibit B, along with the rest of the documents that are part of the Executive Branch 164 review.

E. The Navajo Nation Tourism Fund Management Plan as approved in BFO-56-93 (Exhibits A, B and C omitted) is attached as Exhibit C.

SECTION THREE. APPROVAL

The Navajo Nation hereby approves the budget modification increasing Business Unit # 510003, in the amount of $400,000.00 in accordance with Exhibit A.
SECTION FOUR. DIRECTIVE TO THE OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

The Office of the Controller is directed to make the modifications to the Navajo Tourism Department Fund, Business Unit # 510003 in accordance with the budget documents contained in Exhibit A.