LEGISLATION NO: _0012-20__  SPONSOR: Carl R. Slater

TITLE: An Action Relating To Budget And Finance, Resources And Development, NAABIK'IYATI Committees, 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

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DATE: January 14, 2020

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACT RELATING TO BUDGET AND FINANCE, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, NAA'BIK'IYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FROM THE UNRESERVED, UNDESEIGNATED FUND BALANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE MILLION DOLLARS ($3,000,000) FOR THE 110 NAVAJO NATION CHAPTER’S SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is approve a supplemental funding appropriation for $3,000,000 for summer youth employment.

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 COUNCIL RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Second Year, 2020

INTRODUCED BY

(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0012-20

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), and 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), and 501 (C)(1).

C. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'iyati' 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) and 700 (A).

D. The Title 12 Appropriations Act Supplemental Appropriation requirements include:

1. 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. 12 N.N.C.
   § 820(L).

2. Supplemental appropriations made from non-recurring revenues shall only
   be made for non-recurring operations or purposes, as set forth at § 820(F).
   The Controller of the Navajo Nation shall be responsible for designating
   recurring and non-recurring revenues. 12 N.N.C. § 820(L).

3. All requests for annual operating funds and supplemental funds shall be
   submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for budget impact analysis.
   12 N.N.C. § 820(M).

SECTION 2. FINDINGS

A. “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).

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

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

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

E. 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).
F. 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).

G. The supplemental funding will be deposited with each of the 110 Navajo Nation Chapters in accordance with the budget forms attached as Exhibit A.

H. The budget documents are currently under review by the executive branch offices as required by the Navajo Nation Code. When available, the review documents can be added as amendments at standing committees.

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), in accordance with Exhibit A.