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DATE: September 11, 2020

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO BUDGET AND FINANCE AND HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES; AMENDING THE PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, will revise the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Plan of Operation.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each committee member to review the proposed resolution in detail.
PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Second Year, 2020

INTRODUCED BY

[Signature]

(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0225-20

AN ACTION

RELATING TO BUDGET AND FINANCE AND HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES; AMENDING THE PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

A. The Budget and Finance Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council empowered to provide legislative oversight over lending programs, including the promulgation of rules and regulations for lending money to members of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 301 (B)(12).

B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council empowered to exercise oversight authority on laws and policies affecting veteran services 2 N.N.C. §§ 400(C)(3) and 401 (C)(6).

C. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1035, the Health, Education and Human Services Committee is further empowered to exercise final approval of the plan of operation for the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration. See, CJA-3-16 and CJY-55-18.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS
A. The Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration was approved and adopted by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee through Resolution No. HEHSCAU-12-16, attached as Exhibit 1.

B. Pursuant to its Plan of Operations adopted by HEHSCAU-12-16, attached as Exhibit 1-A, the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration is empowered to recommend policies and legislations regarding Veterans to the Navajo Nation Council through the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council consistent with applicable governmental laws and policies. Exhibit 1-A, Section III (D).

C. The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration recommends that its current Plan of Operation, adopted by HEHSCAU-12-16, attached as Exhibit 1-A, be amended as set forth in Exhibit 2.

D. The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration consulted with the Veterans Advisory Council on the proposed amendments to the Plan of Operation; the Veterans Advisory Council supports the proposed amendments to the Plan of Operation as set forth in NNVAC-07-20, attached as Exhibit 3.

C. The proposed Plan of Operation, set forth in Exhibit 2, was reviewed by the Navajo Nation Department of Justice and deemed legally sufficient as set forth in Exhibit 4.

SECTION THREE. APPROVAL
The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby approves the amendments to the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Plan of Operations as set forth in Exhibit 2.

SECTION FOUR. SAVINGS CLAUSE
Should any portion of the action adopted herein be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, those portions of the action which are not determined invalid shall remain the law of the Nation.