RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

22nd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Third Year, 2013

AN ACTION

RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, BUDGET AND
FINANCE, LAW AND ORDER, AND NAABIK’ÍYÁTI’ COMMITTEE; AMENDING THE
NAVAJO NATION VETERANS TRUST FUND, 12 N.N.C. §1171 TO PROVIDE FOR
EQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF THE ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE BUDGETED AMOUNT
BETWEEN THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS TRUST FUND AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
NAVAJO VETERANS AFFAIRS TO CONSTRUCT UP TO 15 HOMES AND TO PROVIDE
MINOR RENOVATION AND REPAIRS FOR NAVAJO VETERANS IN EACH OF THE FIVE
(5) NAVAJO AGENCIES

BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1. Findings and Purpose

The Navajo Nation finds it to be in the best interest of the
Navajo Nation and the Navajo people to hereby amend the Navajo
Nation Veterans Trust Fund, 12 N.N.C. §1171, in order to provide
equal distribution of the annual comprehensive budgeted amount
between the Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund and the Department of
Veterans Affairs to provide for veterans’ housing for each of the
five Agencies. 2% Navajo Veterans Trust Funds, Allocation for Home
Construction Proposal August 2013, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 2. Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund Amendment

The Navajo Nation amends the Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund,
12 N.N.C. §1171, as follows:

Chapter 10, Navajo Nation Trust Fund
Subchapter 8. Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund

§ 1171. Establishment.

A. The “Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund” hereinafter the “Trust
Fund” is established with an initial appropriation of six
million dollars ($6,000,000) from revenues from the Undesignated Tribal Reserves. Each year, during the appropriation of the Navajo Nation Comprehensive Budget, the Navajo Nation Council shall budget a sum equal to at least 4% of any and all projected revenues of the Navajo Nation, including, but not limited to revenues received from taxes, oil and gas mining and minerals, timber, land rentals interest and dividends, gain on sale of securities and other revenue producing activities. One-half of that 4% shall be transferred to the Navajo Veteran’s Trust Fund to be used as set forth herein. The remaining one-half of that 4% shall be administered by the Department of Navajo Veteran’s Affairs (DNVA). Each of the five (5) DNVA Agency Offices shall be allocated an equal share of that amount to provide construction of up to 15 homes equitably in each of their respective agencies using all possible assistance program funds that such veterans may qualify for to construct as many homes as possible and provide minor home renovations and repairs for Navajo Veterans.

B. The annual appropriation authorized above shall continue and for purposes of this resolution, all unexpended funds shall not lapse back into the Veterans Trust Fund through Fiscal Year 2017, and shall expire thereafter, unless specifically re-authorized.

Section 3. Effective Date

The amendments enacted herein shall be effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 221(B).

Section 4. Codification

The provisions of this Act which amend or adopt new sections of the Navajo Nation Code shall be codified by the Office of Legislative Council. The Office of Legislative Counsel shall incorporate such amended provisions in the next codification of the Navajo Nation Code.

Section 5. Savings Clause

Should any portion of the amendment enacted herein be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or the District Court of the Navajo Nation, without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, those portions not determined invalid shall remain the law of the Navajo Nation.
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona) at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 13 in favor and 3 opposed, this 9th day of September 2013.

Johnny Naize, Speaker
Navajo Nation Council

Motion: Honorable Jonathan Hale
Second: Honorable Russell Begaye

ACTION BY THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT:

1. I hereby sign into law the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §1005 (C)(10), on this _____ day of SEP 13 2013 2013.

   Ben Shelly, President
   Navajo Nation

2. I hereby veto the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §1005 (C) (11), this _____ day of ___________ 2013 for the reason(s) expressed in the attached letter to the Speaker.

   Ben Shelly, President
   Navajo Nation