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**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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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

**Tracking No. 0012-20**

**DATE:** January 14, 2020

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACT RELATING TO BUDGET AND FINANCE, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, NAA'BIK'ÍYÁTI' 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

**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.**

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD:                       
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Budget & Finance Committee  
Thence  
Resources & Development Committee  
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Naabik'iyáti Committee  
Thence  
Navajo Nation Council

1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
2 24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Second Year, 2020

4 INTRODUCED BY

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7 (Prime Sponsor)

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11 AN ACT

12 RELATING TO BUDGET AND FINANCE, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT,  
13 NAA'BIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING  
14 SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FROM THE UNRESERVED, UNDESIGNATED FUND  
15 BALANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE MILLION DOLLARS (\$3,000,000) FOR THE 110  
16 NAVAJO NATION CHAPTER'S SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

18 BE IT ENACTED:

20 SECTION 1. AUTHORITY

- 21 A. The Navajo Nation established the Budget and Finance Committee (BFC) as a  
22 Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered BFC to  
23 review and recommend to the Navajo Nation Council the management of all  
24 funds. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 300 (A), and 301 (B)(2).
- 25 B. The Navajo Nation established the Resources and Development Committee  
26 (RDC) as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such gave RDC  
27 oversight over Navajo Nation Chapters. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 500 (A), and  
28 501 (C)(1).
- 29 C. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo  
30 Nation standing committee and as such proposed legislation that requires final

1 action by the Navajo Nation Council shall be assigned to the Naabik'iyáti'  
2 Committee. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9) and 700 (A).

- 3 D. The Title 12 Appropriations Act Supplemental Appropriation requirements include:
- 4 1. When the Controller identifies additional sources of revenues above and  
5 beyond the initial or current revenue projections, supplemental  
6 appropriations may be allocated by the Navajo Nation Council. 12 N.N.C.  
7 § 820(L).
  - 8 2. Supplemental appropriations made from non-recurring revenues shall only  
9 be made for non-recurring operations or purposes, as set forth at § 820(F).  
10 The Controller of the Navajo Nation shall be responsible for designating  
11 recurring and non-recurring revenues. 12 N.N.C. § 820(L).
  - 12 3. All requests for annual operating funds and supplemental funds shall be  
13 submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for budget impact analysis.  
14 12 N.N.C. § 820(M).

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16 **SECTION 2. FINDINGS**

- 17 A. "Diné Customary Law declares and teaches that: [i]t is the right and freedom of  
18 the people that our children are provided with education to absorb wisdom, self-  
19 knowledge, and knowledge to empower them to make a living and participate in  
20 the growth of the Navajo Nation." 1 N.N.C. § 204 (F).
- 21 B. One way for the Navajo Nation to honor Diné Customary Law is to assist high  
22 school and college students with temporary employment.
- 23 C. The Summer Youth Employment program offers high school and college students  
24 the opportunity to gain work experience during their summer breaks.
- 25 D. The Summer Youth Employment program offers high school and college students  
26 the opportunity to earn funds to pay for some of their school expenses.
- 27 E. The Summer Youth Employment program aligns with Diné Customary Law by  
28 providing Navajo Nation children with "education to absorb wisdom, self-  
29 knowledge, and knowledge to empower them to make a living and participate in  
30 the growth of the Navajo Nation." 1 N.N.C. § 204 (F).

- 1 F. The supplemental funding to the 110 Navajo Nation Chapters shall be allocated as  
2 follows: "fifty percent (50%) of the appropriation shall be divided equally among  
3 all chapters and the remaining fifty percent (50%) shall be divided proportionately  
4 among the chapters using a percentage equal to that figure which the number of  
5 registered voters in each chapter bears to the whole of registered Navajo Nation  
6 votes as determined by the most current voter registration figures available as of  
7 the date of the appropriation." 12 N.N.C. § 820(O).
- 8 G. The supplemental funding will be deposited with each of the 110 Navajo Nation  
9 Chapters in accordance with the budget forms attached as **Exhibit A**.
- 10 H. The budget documents are currently under review by the executive branch offices  
11 as required by the Navajo Nation Code. When available, the review documents  
12 can be added as amendments at standing committees.

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14 **SECTION 3. APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FROM THE**  
15 **UNRESERVED, UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF**  
16 **\$3,000,000 FOR 110 NAVAJO NATION CHAPTERS, BUSINESS UNIT**  
17 **NUMBERS 108014-108123**

- 18 A. This supplemental appropriation of \$3,000,000 shall be from that amount of  
19 funds that exceeds the minimum fund balance of the Unreserved, Undesignated  
20 Fund Balance as determined by the Office of the Controller and to the 110  
21 Navajo Nation Chapters, Business Unit Numbers 108014-108123.
- 22 B. The Navajo Nation hereby approves supplemental funding from the Unreserved,  
23 Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of \$3,000,000 for the 110 Navajo  
24 Nation Chapters, Business Unit Numbers 108014-108123, to fund the Summer  
25 Youth Employment program.
- 26 C. The supplemental funding will be deposited with each of the 110 Navajo Nation  
27 Chapters using the 50/50 formula as described in 12 N.N.C. § 820(O), in  
28 accordance with **Exhibit A**.
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