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TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services; Amending Plans of Operation for the Office of the Executive Director and the Navajo Indian Child Welfare Act Program within Navajo Nation Division of Social Services

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0108-20

DATE: April 27, 2020

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES; AMENDING PLANS OF OPERATION FOR THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE NAVAJO INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT PROGRAM WITHIN NAVAJO NATION DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES

PURPOSE: This resolution, if adopted, would amend the Plans of Operation for the Office of the Executive Director and the Navajo Indian Child Welfare Act Program within the Navajo Nation Division of Social Services.

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.

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1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – SECOND YEAR, 2020

3 INTRODUCED BY

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6 (Prime Sponsor)

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8 AN ACTION

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11 DIRECTOR AND THE NAVAJO INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT PROGRAM
12 WITHIN NAVAJO NATION DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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14 BE IT ENACTED:

15 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITIES**

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- 17 A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee
18 of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 600 (A).
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- 20 B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee has oversight over the
21 Division of Social Services and its programs. 2 N.N.C. § 601(C) (1).
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- 23 C. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §
24 601 (B) (4) is authorized to approve and amend plans of operation for programs
25 over which it exercises oversight authority.

26 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 27 A. The Navajo Division of Social Services is established as a Division under the
28 Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation Government. See 2 N.N.C. § 1601.
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- 30 B. The Navajo Division of Social Services consists of an Office of the Executive
Director, the Department of Child Care and Development, the Department of

1 Family Services, the Department for Self Reliance, the Navajo Developmental
2 Disabilities Program, the Navajo Indian Child Welfare Act Program, and the
3 Navajo Treatment Center for Children and Their Families. To update the general
4 functions and for purposes of simplification and organization, the Office of the
5 Executive Director and the Navajo Indian Child Welfare Act Program within the
6 division have submitted recommendations for revisions to its Plan of Operation.

7 C. The proposed amendments to the Plan of Operation have been reviewed by the
8 Navajo Nation Department of Justice and deemed sufficient. See Exhibit C.

9 D. The Navajo Nation finds it in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to approve the
10 recommended amendments to the Plan of Operation as submitted by the Navajo
11 Division of Social Services and as attached hereto as Exhibits A and B.

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13 **SECTION THREE. APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO PLANS OF**
14 **OPERATION FOR DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

15 The Navajo Nation hereby approves amendments to the Plans of Operation for the
16 Office of the Executive Director of the Navajo Division of Social Services (attached
17 as Exhibit A) and the Navajo Indian Child Welfare Act Program (attached as Exhibit
18 B).