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TITLE: An Action Relating To Budget And Finance, Resources And Development, NAABIK'IYATI', 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. 0121-19

DATE: May 14, 2019

AN ACT BUDGET AND FINANCE, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, NAA'BIK'ÍYÁTI, 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: Providing \$3,000,000 for Summer Youth Employment to the Nation's 110 Chapters.

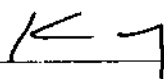
This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate review the proposed resolution in detail.

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: None
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Eligible for Action: 5.20.19

Budget & Finance Committee
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Resources & Development Committee
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Naa'biik'iyáti' Committee
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Navajo Nation Council

1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
2 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2019

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15 AMOUNT OF THREE MILLION DOLLARS (\$3,000,000) FOR THE 110 NAVAJO NATION
16 CHAPTER'S SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

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18 BE IT ENACTED:

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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), 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), 501
28 (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), 700 (A).

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4 **SECTION 2. FINDINGS**

5 A. The Title 12 Finance Act Supplemental Appropriation requirements include:

6 1. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 820(M), all requests for annual operating funds and
7 supplemental funds shall be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget
8 (“OMB”) for budget impact analysis. A preview of the appropriation
9 legislation is available to the OMB for their budget impact analysis response.
10 The OMB review for this legislation has not yet been completed and must be
11 provided prior to the approval of this legislation.

12 2. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 820(L), when the Controller identifies additional
13 sources of revenues above and beyond the initial or current revenue projections,
14 supplemental appropriations may be allocated by the Navajo Nation Council.
15 The Office of the Controller has provided a Report that as of April 10, 2019 the
16 update balance in the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance is
17 \$42,334,700.00. This report is attached as Exhibit B.

18 B. “Diné Customary Law declares and teaches that: [i]t is the right and freedom of
19 the people that our children are provided with education to absorb wisdom, self-
20 knowledge, and knowledge to empower them to make a living and participate in
21 the growth of the Navajo Nation.” 1 N.N.C. § 204 (F).

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

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

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

28 F. The Summer Youth Employment program aligns with Diné Customary Law by
29 providing Navajo Nation children with “education to absorb wisdom, self-
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1 knowledge, and knowledge to empower them to make a living and participate in
2 the growth of the Navajo Nation." 1 N.N.C. § 204 (F).

- 3 G. The supplemental funding to the 110 Navajo Nation Chapters shall be allocated
4 as follows: "fifty percent (50%) of the appropriation shall be divided equally
5 among all chapters and the remaining fifty percent (50%) shall be divided
6 proportionately among the chapters using a percentage equal to that figure which
7 the number of registered voters in each chapter bears to the whole of registered
8 Navajo Nation votes as determined by the most current voter registration figures
9 available as of the date of the appropriation." 12 N.N.C. § 820(O).
- 10 H. The supplemental funding will be deposited with each of the 110 Navajo Nation
11 Chapters per the Budget Forms. These forms are attached as Exhibit A.
- 12 I. The Navajo Nation hereby finds it is in the best interest of the Navajo People to
13 approve this supplemental funding request.
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15 **SECTION 3. APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FROM THE**
16 **UNRESERVED, UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF**
17 **\$3,000,000 FOR 110 NAVAJO NATION CHAPTERS, BUSINESS UNIT**
18 **NUMBERS 108014-108123**

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