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**TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services and Naabik'iyáti'; Respectfully recommending the continuation of funding under the Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging Older Americans Act Title VI Grants, Parts A, B and C, for the grant period of April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2023**

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## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 036A-19

**DATE:** November 27, 2019

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'; RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDING THE CONTINUATION OF FUNDING UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING/ADMINISTRATION ON AGING OLDER AMERICANS ACT TITLE VI GRANTS, PARTS A, B AND C, FOR THE GRANT PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2020 TO MARCH 31, 2023

**PURPOSE:** This resolution recommends the continuation of funding under the federal Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging Older Americans Act Title Vi Grants, Parts A, B and C, for the grant period of April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2023.

**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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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2019

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TRACKING NO. 0369-19

AN ACTION  
RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'; RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDING THE CONTINUATION OF  
FUNDING UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY  
LIVING/ADMINISTRATION ON AGING OLDER AMERICANS ACT TITLE VI  
GRANTS, PARTS A, B AND C, FOR THE GRANT PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2020 TO  
MARCH 31, 2023

WHEREAS:

1. The Navajo Nation is a federally recognized Tribe existing and acting pursuant to its inherent and retained sovereignty.
2. The Health, Education and Social Services Committee, generally, is empowered to act in all matters that concern the health, safety, and well-being of the Navajo Nation and its members. The committee represents the Navajo Nation "at local, state and federal levels, in coordination with the President of the Navajo Nation and the Naabik'iyáti' Committee on proposed legislation, funding and other actions affecting health, environmental health, social services, education, veterans services, employment, training and labor." 2 N.N.C. § 401(B)(7).
3. The Federal government provides funding to American Indians, Alaskan Natives, and Native Hawaiians under Title VI of the Older Americans Act (OAA). The purpose of

1 the act to promote the delivery of nutrition, supportive and caregiver services that are  
2 comparable to services provided under Title III of the OAA. The goal of these  
3 programs is to support the independence and well-being of elders and caregivers  
4 living in their communities with nutrition, supportive and caregiver services  
5 consistent with locally-determined needs. See, <https://acl.gov/grants/funding>.

- 6 4. Parts A and B of Title VI (of the OAA) authorize grants to Indian tribes authority to  
7 provide nutrition and supportive services. Required nutrition services include  
8 congregate meals and home-delivered meals. Other nutrition-related services could  
9 include nutrition counseling, nutrition education, sponsorship of farmer's market  
10 programs, or distribution centers for food banks and charitable organizations.  
11 Required supportive services include information and assistance, but these funds  
12 could also provide transportation, chore services, and many other services that  
13 contribute to the well-being of elders. *Id.*
- 14 5. Part C of Title VI (OAA) authorizes grants to Indian tribes for caregiver support  
15 services. The program helps provide locally-determined systems of support services  
16 for family caregivers. *Id.*
- 17 6 The services made available by the funding received from the Administration for  
18 Community Living/Administration on Aging Older Americans Act is beneficial to the  
19 Navajo Nation's elders and their caregivers.
- 20 7. There is a critical need to continue the delivery of nutrition, supportive and caregiver  
21 services to the community elders and their caregivers.
- 22 8. The Navajo Nation recognizes its sovereign inherent right to serve elders age 60 and  
23 older and to seek funding for such service. The Navajo Nation further declares that  
24 the elder population meets the eligibility requirements required by the Administration  
25 for Community Living/Administration on Aging Older Americans Act Title VI grants  
26 for Nutrition and Supportive Services, Parts A and B, and the Family Caregiver  
27 Program, Part C.

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29 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:  
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1. The Health, Education & Social Services Committee respectfully requests the continuation of funding under the Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging Older Americans Act Title VI grants, Parts A, B and C for the grant period of April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2023.
2. Navajo Nation assures that the compliance requirements as well as the rules and regulations associated with the Title VI Parts A, B and C of the Older Americans Act shall be met.