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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Resource and Development and Health Education and Human Services Committees; Amending HEHSCF-03-18; Approving the Navajo Nation Veterans Housing Policy, As Amended, the Housing Action Plan, as Amended, and the Home Improvement Program Policy

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0027-21

DATE: February 25, 2021

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCE AND DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEES; AMENDING HEHSCF-03-18; APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS HOUSING POLICY, AS AMENDED, THE HOUSING ACTION PLAN, AS AMENDED, AND THE HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM POLICY

PURPOSE: This legislation, if approved, will establish a new Navajo Nation Veterans Housing Policy, Housing Action Plan, and Home Improvement Program Policy.

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 – Third Year, 2021

INTRODUCED BY


(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0027-21

**AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCE AND DEVELOPMENT AND
HEALTH EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEES;
AMENDING HEHSCF-03-18; APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION
VETERANS HOUSING POLICY, AS AMENDED, THE HOUSING ACTION
PLAN, AS AMENDED, AND THE HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
POLICY**

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITIES

- A. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §500. One purpose of the Committee is to "establish policies and legislation appropriate to the housing needs of the Navajo Nation and its People." 2 N.N.C. §500(C).
- B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council, 2 N.N.C. §400, and exercises oversight authority over veterans services, among other duties and responsibilities. 2 N.N.C. § 400(C)(6).
- C. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee has the authority to "establish Navajo Nation policy, promulgate rules and regulations governing health, social services, human services and general government services of the Navajo Nation and its tribal organizations, entities, and enterprises." 2 N.N.C. §401(B)(1).

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2 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

3 A. The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration and the Navajo Nation Veterans
4 Advisory Council were established by the Navajo Nation Council pursuant to
5 CJA-3-16. The Veterans Administration and the Veterans Advisory Council are
6 programs within the Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President. 2
7 N.N.C. § 1031.

8 B. Resolution No. CJY-55-18 established the Navajo Veterans Housing Program
9 within the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration at 2 N.N.C § 1033 as follows:

10 **§ 1033. Navajo Housing Program**

11 A. There is hereby established a Navajo Veterans Housing Program within
12 the Navajo Veterans Administration.

13 B. The Navajo Veterans Housing Program shall be administered by the
14 Navajo Veterans Administration. The Veterans Housing Program shall be
15 supervised by a Program Manager hired by the Director of the Navajo
16 Veterans Administration pursuant to the Navajo Nation Personnel Policies
17 and Procedures Manual. Personnel of the Veterans Housing Program shall
18 include a Housing Specialist at each agency of the Navajo Nation.

19 C. Duties and Responsibilities of the Navajo Veterans Housing Program shall
20 include administering the Navajo Nation Veterans Administrations
21 Housing Program Policies and Procedures. The Veterans Administration
22 Housing Program Policies and Procedure shall be approved by the Health,
23 Education and Human Services Committee, upon recommendation of the
24 Navajo Nation President.

25 C. Resolution No. HEHSCF-03-18, attached as **Exhibit 1**, adopted and approved the
26 Navajo Nation Veterans Housing Policies and Procedures and Housing Action
27 Plan.

28 D. The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration has recommended that the Veterans
29 Housing Policies and Procedures, and Housing Action Plan through HEHSCF-03-
30 18 be deleted as set forth in **Exhibit 2** and be amended and replaced with the

1 Veterans Housing Policies and Procedures as set forth in **Exhibit 3** and the
2 Housing Action Plan as set forth in **Exhibit 4**.

- 3 E. The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration has also recommended that the
4 Navajo Nation Veterans Home Improvement Program Policy, as set forth in
5 **Exhibit 5**, be enacted to better serve Navajo veterans.

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7 **SECTION THREE. APPROVING NAVAJO NATION VETERANS HOUSING**
8 **PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, HOUSING ACTION PLAN AND**
9 **HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM POLICY**

10 A. The Navajo Nation hereby deletes and amends the Navajo Nation
11 Veterans Housing Program Policies and Procedures approved by
12 HEHSCF-03-18 as set forth in **Exhibit 2**; and approves and adopts the
13 Navajo Nation Veterans Housing Program Policy as set forth in **Exhibit 3**.

14 B. The Navajo Nation hereby deletes and amends the Navajo Nation Veterans
15 Housing Action Plan approved by HEHSCF-03-18 as set forth in **Exhibit 2**;
16 and approves and adopts the Navajo Nation Veterans Housing Action Plan as
17 set forth in **Exhibit 4**.

18 C. The Navajo Nation hereby approves and enacts the Navajo Nation
19 Veterans Home Improvement Program Policy as set forth in **Exhibit 5**.

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21 **SECTION FOUR. SAVING CLAUSE**

22 Should any provision of these policies and procedures approved herein be
23 determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or the District Courts of the
24 Navajo Nation without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, those portions of
25 the policies and procedures not determined invalid shall remain valid and effective.