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TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; RECOGNIZING UTAH NAVAJO HEALTH SYSTEM, INC. AS A NAVAJO NATION AUTHORIZED DESIGNEE FOR THE PURPOSE(S) OF APPLYING FOR THE "OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME FY 2021 TRIBAL VICTIM SERVICES SET-ASIDE FORMULA PROGRAM" AND THE "2021 NCAI FUND VICTIM SERVICES MICRO-GRANT PROGRAM"

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, will designate UNHS as a Navajo Nation authorized designee for the purpose of applying for the Office of Victims of Crime FY 2021 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Program grant funding and for the 2020 NCAI Fund Victim Services Micro-grant Program funding.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each committee member to review the proposed resolution in detail.
PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
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PROGRAM"

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY
A. The Naabik'íyátí' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council
with the enumerated power to "review and continually monitor the programs and
activities of federal and state departments and to assist development of such programs
designed to serve the Navajo People and the Navajo Nation through
intergovernmental relationships between the Navajo Nation and such departments". 2
N.N.C. §§ 700 (A) and 701 (A)(7).
B. The Health Education and Social Services Committee is a standing committee of the
Navajo Nation with the purpose, among others, to establish Navajo Nation policy
governing health and social services of the Navajo Nation and its tribal organizations,
entities, and enterprises; and the enumerated power to “oversee Navajo Nation policies and priorities to optimize the delivery of social services and health services to the Navajo people consistent with the traditional practices and customs of the Navajo People.” 2 N.N.C. §§ 400 (A) and (C)(4); 2 N.N.C. § 401 (B)(1).

C. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation with the purposes, among others, to “protect the rights and interests of the Navajo People by improving the quality and effectiveness of the justice system within the Navajo Nation” and “enable the Navajo Nation to more effectively provide efficient public safety services on the Navajo Nation.” 2 N.N.C. §§ 600 (A), 601 (C) (2) and (6).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. Victims of crime require a broad range of services to heal, become self-sufficient, and thrive; securing federal funding to support these services can enable the safety, security, and healing needs of victims of crime.

B. Grant funds to enhance services for victims of crime in tribal communities are offered by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) through its FY 2021 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Program (TVSSA), summary attached as Exhibit A; and by the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) through its 2020 NCAI Fund Victim Services Micro-grant Program (NCAI-VSMP), summary attached as Exhibit B.

C. TVSSA and NCAI-VSMP funding can be used for community needs assessment, strategic planning, victim service program development, implementation and expansion, community outreach and education, and other activities to address the needs of victims of crime in tribal communities.

D. There is need throughout the Navajo Nation to expand crime victim services, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Provide victim advocates who can attend court proceedings with a victim or on their behalf. Advocates will inform clients about the court process, act as a form of support, process the outcome of the hearing afterward and develop a safety plan;
2. Develop a 24/7 Crisis Response team consisting of trained Crisis Responders, whether employees or volunteers, who respond on-scene to provide immediate crisis intervention;

3. Expand case management as victim advocates provide basic case management services in a holistic, person-centric approach;

4. The need to enhance crisis counseling and provide crisis counselors to help victims process their recent victimization event(s) and help direct the client to an ongoing, longer-term counselor;

5. The need to develop a Child Advocacy Center(s) which embrace a child-focused multidisciplinary approach to investigation, prosecution, and treatment of child sexual abuse cases, advocacy, transportation for victims, hospital accompaniment, support groups, children’s programs and community outreach and education; and

6. The need to collect and analyze crime data to develop data-driven victim services.

E. The Utah Navajo Health System, Inc. (UNHS) operates and provides victim services in southeastern Utah and is authorized to contract with Victim Witness Services Coconino County to provide victim services in Arizona and with Sexual Assault Services of Northwest New Mexico to provide victim services in New Mexico. UNHS is also authorized to contract with Diné College-Public Health and Northern Arizona University-Department of Health Sciences/Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice to develop a community assessment and data institute and with statewide tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions serving Tribal communities, e.g., Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women, Southwest Indigenous Women’s Coalition, and Restoring Ancestral Winds for technical assistance and strategic planning.

F. The Navajo Nation finds that it is in the best interest of providing services to victims of crime on the Navajo Nation to recognize Utah Navajo Health System, Inc. as a Navajo Nation authorized designee for the purpose of applying for the Office of Victims of Crime FY 2021 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Program grant funding and for the 2020 NCAI Fund Victim Services Micro-grant Program funding.
SECTION THREE. RECOGNIZING UTAH NAVAJO HEALTH SYSTEM, INC AS A
NAVAJO NATION AUTHORIZED DESIGNEE

The Navajo Nation hereby approves, authorizes and recognizes Utah Navajo Health
System, Inc. as a Navajo Nation authorized designee for the purpose of applying for the
Office of Victims of Crime FY 2021 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Program
grant funding and for the 2020 NCAI Fund Victim Services Micro-grant Program.