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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Approving and Accepting the Monetary Donation of \$42,140.90 from the Virginia A. Johnson Living Trust to the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance for Scholarship Funds

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0265-21

DATE: December 15, 2021

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE MONETARY DONATION OF \$42,140.90 FROM THE VIRGINIA A. JOHNSON LIVING TRUST TO THE OFFICE OF NAVAJO NATION SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

PURPOSE: If approved, this resolution will allow the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance to accept a monetary donation in the amount of \$42,140.90 from the Virginia A. Johnson Living Trust.

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.

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: Johnson

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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Third Year, 2021

INTRODUCED BY

Daniel E. Johnson

(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0265-21

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE MONETARY DONATION OF \$42,140.90 FROM THE VIRGINIA A. JOHNSON LIVING TRUST TO THE OFFICE OF NAVAJO NATION SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITIES

- A. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §700(A).
- B. The President of the Navajo Nation shall, for and on behalf of the Navajo Nation, accept or decline gifts of property, provided that any such acceptance or refusal of a gift of an estimated value in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) shall be with the concurrence of the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 1010.
- C. "All public officials, elected and non-elected, of the Navajo Nation receiving gifts, whether intended as a gift to the official or to the Navajo Nation, shall record or cause to be recorded such gift with the Ethics and Rules Office." 2 N.N.C. §1012

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. On February 26, 2021, Erik Peters, Trustee of the Virginia A. Johnson Living Trust ("Trust"), provided a letter to the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial

1 Assistance indicating the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance
2 shall receive 15% of the 50% Charitable Share that Ms. Virginia allocated in her Trust.
3 The Trust named Navajo Education and Scholarship Foundation (NESF); however,
4 the Trustee expressed that the Office off Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial
5 Assistance is the substitute recipient. **Exhibit A.**

6 B. On September 30, 2021, Trustee indicated 50% of the Trust’s property allocated to the
7 charitable share totaled \$280,939.31. The Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship &
8 Financial Assistance received a check in the amount of \$42,140.90 (15% of the
9 charitable share) from the Virginia A. Johnson Living Trust. **Exhibit B**

10 C. For purposes of accounting and budgeting, and consistent with the intent and purpose
11 of the bequest, the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance
12 provided budget forms for Office of Management and Budget. **Exhibit C.**

13 D. The President of the Navajo Nation issued a letter to the Trustee expressing gratitude
14 for the generous contribution of scholarship funds to the Navajo Nation from the
15 Virginia A. Johnson Living Trust. **Exhibit D.**

16 E. All appropriate entities within the Executive Branch reviewed and subsequently
17 deemed it legally sufficient to accept the donation from the Virginia A. Johnson Living
18 Trust. **Exhibit E.**

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20 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

21 A. The Navajo Nation hereby concurs with the President of the Navajo Nation to accept
22 \$42,140.90 from the Virginia A. Johnson Living Trust to the Office of Navajo Nation
23 Scholarship and Financial Assistance—Diné Annual Scholarship Fund.

24 B. The Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance shall record the
25 receipt of the donation with the Ethics and Rules Office pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §1012.