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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Budget and Finance Committee; Approving a Budget Transfer in the Amount of \$2,466,231 within the Navajo COVID-19 Response Donation Fund, Business Unit Number N01476

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET
Tracking No. 0008-22

DATE: January 12, 2022

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; APPROVING A BUDGET TRANSFER IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,466,231 WITHIN THE NAVAJO COVID-19 RESPONSE DONATION FUND, BUSINESS UNIT NUMBER N01476

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, will revise the Navajo COVID-19 Response Donation Fund to provide \$2,466,231 for burial assistance.

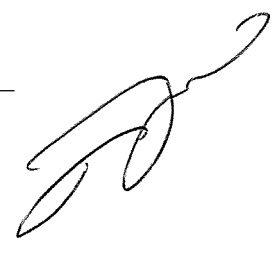
This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each committee member to review the proposed resolution in detail.

1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

2 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2022

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16 BE IT ENACTED:

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18 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 19 A. The Budget and Finance Committee is empowered to approve fund management plans
20 with oversight committee recommendation. 2 N.N.C. § 301(B)(14).
- 21 B. The Budget and Finance Committee approved the Fund Management Plan for the
22 Navajo COVID-19 Response Donation Fund upon recommendation of the Health
23 Education and Human Services Committee pursuant to Resolution No. BFD-43-20.
- 24 C. The Navajo COVID-19 Response Donation Fund, Fund Management Plan provides,
25 “[t]he Budget and Finance Committee of the Navajo Nation Council shall approve the
26 budget(s) for all donated funds that have been received by the Nation as of the date this
27 Fund Management Plan is enacted. The budget(s) for donated funds received thereafter
28 shall be approved administratively, except for budgets exceeding one hundred thousand
29 dollars (\$100,000) which shall be approved by the Budget and Finance
30 Committee.” BFD-43-20, Exhibit A, Section 1003(B)(3).

1 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 2 A. The Budget and Finance Committee approved the Navajo COVID-19 Response
3 Donation Fund, Fund Management Plan (“Fund Management Plan”) in Resolution
4 BFD-43-20, which is attached as **Exhibit 1**.
- 5 B. The Budget and Finance Committee approved an initial allocation of \$8,893,839 to the
6 Navajo Nation Department of Emergency Management (“DEM”) in Budget and
7 Finance Committee Resolution BFJA-01-21.
- 8 C. DEM is seeking the approval of the Budget and Finance Committee for a budget
9 transfer totaling \$2,466,231 in Business Unit # N01476. The Budget Revision Request
10 Form, reflecting the object code transfers, is attached as **Exhibit 2**.
- 11 D. Ordinarily, object code transfers are handled administratively. However, the Fund
12 Management Plan in **Exhibit 1** indicates, “budgets exceeding one hundred thousand
13 dollars (\$100,000) . . . shall be approved by the Budget and Finance Committee.” Fund
14 Management Plan, Section 1003(B)(3).
- 15 E. The primary purpose for the budget transfer is to shift funds from contractual services
16 and equipment, and put those funds towards social services. The initial amount
17 allocated for contractual services was provided by alternative funding sources, thereby
18 freeing the funds for much needed social services, including burial assistance.
- 19 F. The Office of Management and Budget’s review of **Exhibit 2** is pending, and can be
20 added to this proposed resolution when this matter comes before the Budget and
21 Finance Committee.

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23 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFER**

- 24 A. The Budget and Finance Committee approves the budget transfer in the amount of
25 \$2,466,231 within Business Unit # N01476 as provided in **Exhibit 2**, the Budget
26 Revision Request Form.
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