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**TITLE: An Act Relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Law and Order, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. §1033 to Establish a Program Manager to Administer the Veterans Housing Program**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**  
Tracking No. **0022-22**

**DATE:** January 23, 2022

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**PURPOSE:** This resolution, if approved, will amend the Navajo Veteran Housing Program outlined at 2 N.N.C. § 1033. This legislation creates a housing program manager to administer the Navajo Veteran Housing Program.

**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 NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION

24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2022

INTRODUCED BY

  
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Kee Allen Begay Jr.  
(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0022-22

AN ACT

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BE IT ENACTED:

**SECTION ONE. AUTHORITIES**

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and has the power to review and recommend resolutions relating to veterans and veteran services. 2 N.N.C. §§ 400(A), 401(B)(6).
- B. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and has the power to review and make recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council on proposed amendments to and enactments in the Navajo Nation Code. 2 N.N.C. §§ 600(A), 601(B) (14)
- C. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and has the power to review proposed legislation which requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700(A), 164(A)(9).
- D. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102(A).

- 1 E. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1036, amendments made to the Navajo Nation Veterans Act  
2 require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Navajo Nation Council upon the recommendation  
3 from the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council.  
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5 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 6 A. The Navajo Veterans Housing Program was established by Resolution No. CJY-55-18,  
7 under the administration of the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration. 2 N.N.C. § 1033,  
8 as amended by CJY-55-18.
- 9 B. Resolution No. CJY-55-18 further established that the Veterans Housing Program  
10 Policies and Procedures shall be approved by the Health Education and Human Services  
11 Committee upon recommendation of the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council. 2  
12 N.N.C. § 1033 (C), as amended by Resolution No. CJY-55-18.
- 13 C. Diné veterans have expressed the urgent need to expeditiously construct veteran homes  
14 and are concerned with the lack of progress made while the Veterans Housing Program  
15 is under the day-to-day administration of the Veterans Administration Executive Director  
16 who also oversees the entire Navajo Nation Veterans Administration.
- 17 D. The establishment of a Program Manager for the Veterans Housing Program will allow  
18 the Program to fully focus on building and renovating homes for Diné veterans and  
19 resolving related veterans housing issues.
- 20 E. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1036, amendments made to the Navajo Nation Veterans Act  
21 require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Navajo Nation Council upon the recommendation  
22 from the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council.
- 23 F. It is in the best interest of Diné veterans and the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration  
24 to establish a Program Manager to administer the Navajo Nation Veterans Housing  
25 Program.  
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27 **SECTION THREE. AMENDING 2 N.N.C. § 1033 TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM**  
28 **MANAGER TO ADMINISNTER THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS HOUSING**  
29 **PROGRAM**

30 The Navajo Nation hereby amends the Navajo Housing Program as set forth below.

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3 **Title 2. Navajo Nation Government**

4 **Chapter 5. Executive Branch**

5 **Subchapter 1. Generally**

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7 **Article 3. Navajo Nation Veterans Administration**

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9 **§ 1033. Navajo Nation Veterans Housing Program**

- 10 A. ~~There is hereby established a Navajo Nation Veterans Housing Program~~ is established  
11 within the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration.
- 12 B. The Navajo Nation Veterans Housing Program shall be administered by the Navajo  
13 Nation Veterans Administration Housing Program Manager.
- 14 C. Duties and Responsibilities of administering the Navajo Nation Veterans Housing  
15 Program shall ~~include administering the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration~~  
16 Housing Program be established in Ppolicies and Pprocedures. ~~The Veterans~~  
17 Administration Housing Program Policies and Procedures shall be as approved and  
18 amended by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee, upon the  
19 recommendation of the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council.

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23 **SECTION FOUR. DIRECTIVES**

- 24 A. The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration shall present a revised Navajo Nation  
25 Veterans Administration Plan of Operation, including Organizational Chart, and revised  
26 Navajo Nation Veterans Housing Policies that reflect the amendments made herein to the  
27 Health Education and Human Services Committee within thirty (30) days of enactment  
28 of this legislation.
- 29 B. The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration shall work with the Department of  
30 Personnel Management to develop and post a job announcement on the Department of

1 Personnel website for the Navajo Nation Veterans Housing Program Manager position  
2 within forty-five (45) days of enactment of this legislation.  
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4 **SECTION FIVE. EFFECTIVE DATE**

5 This legislation and the Navajo Nation Code amendments enacted herein shall become  
6 effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 221(B).  
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8 **SECTION SIX. CODIFICATION**

9 The provisions of this legislation which amend or adopt new sections of the Navajo Nation  
10 Code shall be codified by the Office of Legislative Counsel. The Office of Legislative Counsel  
11 shall incorporate such amended provisions in the next codification of the Navajo Nation Code.  
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13 **SECTION SEVEN. SAVINGS CLAUSE**

14 Should any provisions of this legislation be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme  
15 Court, or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation, without appeal to the Navajo Nation  
16 Supreme Court, those portions of this legislation which are not determined invalid shall remain  
17 the law of the Navajo Nation.  
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