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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0047-22

**DATE:** March 7, 2022

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES AND THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; SUPPORTING AND APPROVING DINÉ COLLEGE'S APPLICATION TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS LIVING LANGUAGES GRANT

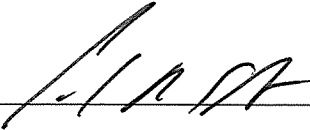
**PURPOSE:** This resolution, if approved, will support Diné College to apply for and receive funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Living Languages Grant Application LLGP-FY-2022

**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.**

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1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
2 24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—Fourth Year, 2022

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11 AN ACTION

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13 THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; SUPPORTING AND APPROVING DINÉ  
14 COLLEGE'S APPLICATION TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS LIVING  
15 LANGUAGES GRANT  
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17 WHEREAS:

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19 A. The Health, Education, and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the  
20 Navajo Nation Council empowered to review and recommend [r]esolutions relating to  
21 social services, health, environmental health, education, veterans and veterans services,  
22 employment and labor. 2 N.N.C. §§ 400(A), 401(B)(6)(a).  
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24 B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council  
25 empowered to coordinate with all committees, Chapters, branches and entities  
26 concerned with all Navajo appearances and testimony before Congressional committees,  
27 departments of the United States government, state legislatures and departments and  
28 county and local governments. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A), 701 (A)(8).  
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30 C. The Diné College is a non-profit post-secondary educational institution chartered by the  
Navajo Nation Council in 1968 for the purposes of providing educational opportunities

1 to the Navajo people and others in areas important to the economic and social  
2 development of the Navajo Nation and other purposes outlined at 10 N.N.C. § 2002.

3 D. The Navajo Nation is one of the largest Indigenous nations with a strong foundation in  
4 culture and language. In recent years, the declining use and fluency of the Navajo  
5 language among Navajo citizens is alarming.

6 E. In order to address this decline, Diné College is securing innovative opportunities to  
7 build language capacity through the preservation, maintenance, and utilization through  
8 everyday experience.

9 F. Diné College recognizes the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has on losing fluent  
10 speakers whom are often elders and traditional practitioners.

11 G. Diné College is submitting a grant application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs – Division  
12 of Economic Development Living Languages Grant to initiate a Navajo Language  
13 Documentation and Daily Life Program. The outcomes of this grant application are as  
14 follows, but not limited to:

- 15 1. Media documentation in videos, writing, and other forms that will be archived  
16 in the Diné College Library and accessible to the surrounding communities.
- 17 2. Document knowledge that will enhance Diné College Navajo Language  
18 curricula.
- 19 3. Produce of materials, textbooks and other accessible media assisting in the use  
20 of the Navajo language to build fluency.
- 21 4. Create and maintain a network of mental health service providers for traditional  
22 language and practice.
- 23 5. Develop a Navajo only-podcast to demonstrate Navajo language use in  
24 contemporary settings.

25 H. The Bureau of Indian Affairs – Division of Economic Development Living Languages  
26 Grant will convene traditional knowledge holders and other key professionals to build,  
27 enlighten, enhance, and establish an institutionalize understanding of ceremonial  
28 knowledge and language learning. Living Languages Grant narrative is attached as  
29 **Exhibit A.**

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

2 The Navajo Nation hereby approves and supports Diné College to apply for and receive  
3 funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Living Languages Grant Application LLGP-FY-  
4 2022.

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