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TITLE: An Action Relating to Health Education and Human Services and Naabik'iyáti' 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 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Program"

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET
Tracking No. 0090-22

DATE: May 3, 2022

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 TRIBAL VICTIM SERVICES SET-ASIDE FORMULA 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 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Program grant 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.

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Health Education & Human Services Committee
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Naabik'iyáti' Committee

1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
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13 SYSTEM, INC. AS A NAVAJO NATION AUTHORIZED DESIGNEE FOR THE
14 PURPOSE(S) OF APPLYING FOR THE "OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME
15 TRIBAL VICTIM SERVICES SET-ASIDE FORMULA PROGRAM"

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17 BE IT ENACTED:

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19 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 20 A. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council
21 with the enumerated power to "review and continually monitor the programs and
22 activities of federal and state departments and to assist development of such programs
23 designed to serve the Navajo People and the Navajo Nation through
24 intergovernmental relationships between the Navajo Nation and such departments". 2
25 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A) and 701 (A)(7).
- 26 B. The Health Education and Social Services Committee is a standing committee of the
27 Navajo Nation with the purpose, among others, to establish Navajo Nation policy
28 governing health and social services of the Navajo Nation and its tribal organizations,
29 entities, and enterprises; and the enumerated power to "oversee Navajo Nation
30 policies and priorities to optimize the delivery of social services and health services to

1 the Navajo people consistent with the traditional practices and customs of the Navajo
2 People.” 2 N.N.C. §§ 400 (A) and (C)(4); 2 N.N.C. § 401 (B)(1).

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

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9 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 10 A. Victims of crime require a broad range of services to heal, become self-sufficient, and
11 thrive; securing federal funding to support these services can enable the safety,
12 security, and healing needs of victims of crime.
- 13 B. Grant funds to enhance services for victims of crime in tribal communities are offered
14 by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) through its Tribal Victim Services Set-
15 Aside Formula Program (TVSSA), summary attached as **Exhibit A**.
- 16 C. TVSSA funding can be used for community needs assessment, strategic planning,
17 victim service program development, implementation and expansion, community
18 outreach and education, and other activities to address the needs of victims of crime
19 in tribal communities.
- 20 D. There is need throughout the Navajo Nation to expand crime victim services,
21 including, but not limited to, the following:
- 22 1. Provide victim advocates who can attend court proceedings with a victim or on
23 their behalf. Advocates will inform clients about the court process, act as a form
24 of support, process the outcome of the hearing afterward and develop a safety
25 plan;
 - 26 2. Develop a 24/7 Crisis Response team consisting of trained Crisis Responders,
27 whether employees or volunteers, who respond on-scene to provide immediate
28 crisis intervention;
 - 29 3. Expand case management as victim advocates provide basic case management
30 services in a holistic, person-centric approach;

- 1 4. The need to enhance crisis counseling and provide crisis counselors to help
- 2 victims process their recent victimization event(s) and help direct the client to an
- 3 ongoing, longer-term counselor;
- 4 5. The need to develop a Child Advocacy Center(s) which embrace a child-focused
- 5 multidisciplinary approach to investigation, prosecution, and treatment of child
- 6 sexual abuse cases, advocacy, transportation for victims, hospital accompaniment,
- 7 support groups, children's programs and community outreach and education; and
- 8 6. The need to collect and analyze crime data to develop data-driven victim services.

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

20 F. The Navajo Nation finds that it is in the best interest of providing services to victims
21 of crime on the Navajo Nation to recognize Utah Navajo Health System, Inc. as a
22 Navajo Nation authorized designee for the purpose of applying for the Office of
23 Victims of Crime Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Program grant funding.

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25 **SECTION THREE. RECOGNIZING UTAH NAVAJO HEALTH SYSTEM, INC AS A**
26 **NAVAJO NATION AUTHORIZED DESIGNEE**

27 A. The Navajo Nation hereby approves, authorizes and recognizes Utah Navajo Health
28 System, Inc. as a Navajo Nation authorized designee for the purpose of applying for
29 the Office of Victims of Crime Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Program
30 grant funding.

1 B. The authorization to Utah Navajo Health System, Inc. shall remain in effect until
2 rescinded through Naabik'iyáti' Committee.
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