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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Health and Human Services Committee; Approving and Recommending to the Budget and Finance Committee the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget for Department of Social Services and Related Matters, to be included in the Navajo Nation's FY2023 Comprehensive Budget**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

**Tracking No.** 0124-22

**DATE:** July 20, 2022

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution, if passed, is to approve and recommend to the Budget and Finance Committee the Proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Budget for the Navajo Nation Division of Social Services.

**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

3 Introduced by:

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6 (Prime Sponsor)

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8 Tracking No. 0124-22

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10 AN ACTION

11 RELATING TO THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE;  
12 APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE  
13 COMMITTEE THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET FOR DEPARTMENT OF  
14 SOCIAL SERVICES AND RELATED MATTERS, TO BE INCLUDED  
15 IN THE NAVAJO NATION’S FY2023 COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET

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17 BE IT ENACTED:

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19 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

20 A. The Health, Education, and Human Services Committee (“HEHSC”) is a standing committee  
21 of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight authority over the Department of Social  
22 Services (“DSS”). 2 N.N.C. §400(A); 2 N.N.C. §401(C)(1).

23 B. Each Oversight Committee, including the HEHSC, shall review and make recommendations  
24 regarding the programs under its oversight responsibility, regarding the Navajo Nation’s  
25 Comprehensive Budget for the upcoming Fiscal Year. 12 N.N.C. §840(A).

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27 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

28 A. In accordance with 12 N.N.C. §840(A), the HEHSC held hearings and took relevant  
29 testimony regarding the FY2023 Budget for the DSS.

30 B. During these budget meetings, the HEHSC reviewed and considered the FY2023 Budget for

1 the DSS, as proposed by the Branch Chiefs and as requested by the DSS, and as commented  
2 upon by members of the public.

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4 **SECTION THREE. APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND**  
5 **FINANCE COMMITTEE THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET**  
6 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND**  
7 **RELATED MATTERS**

8 A. The Health, Education, and Human Services Committee hereby approves the proposed  
9 FY2023 Budget for the Department of Social Services, as detailed in the “Fund Type Budget  
10 Summary” attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

11 B. The HEHSC hereby approves certain revisions to the Branch Chiefs’ proposed FY2023  
12 Budget amount for the DSS, as shown in Columns D and E in the “General Fund  
13 Comparative Summary” attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

14 C. The HEHSC recommends changes to the General Fund Budget, as described in **Exhibit C**.

15 D. The HEHSC recommends certain Conditions of Appropriation and Legislative Concerns, as  
16 listed in **Exhibit D**.

17 E. The HEHSC recommends that certain Unmet Needs for the DSS be included in the Navajo  
18 Nation’s FY2023 Comprehensive Budget, as explained in **Exhibit E**.

19 F. The HEHSC hereby recommends that the Budget and Finance Committee approve the  
20 proposed FY2023 Budget for the DSS, as well as all Committee recommendations, as set  
21 forth in the attached **Exhibits A-E**.

22 G. As necessary and appropriate, the HEHSC hereby authorizes the HEHSC Chair and Vice-  
23 Chair to negotiate the HEHSC’s recommendations herein with the Budget and Finance  
24 Committee, regarding the proposed FY2023 Budget for the DSS.

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26 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

27 This Act shall become effective as provided in 2 N.N.C. §189(A).

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29 **SECTION FIVE. SAVING CLAUSE**

30 If any portion of this Action is determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or by

1 a District Court of the Navajo Nation without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, the  
2 remainder of this Act shall be the law of the Navajo Nation.

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