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LEGISLATION NO: _0125-22_

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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 Veterans Administration and Related Matters, to be included in the Navajo Nation's FY2023 Comprehensive Budget

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0125-22

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 VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

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 Veterans Administration.

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 STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2022

3 Introduced by:

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6 (Prime Sponsor)

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8 Tracking No. 0125-22

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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 VETERANS ADMINISTRATION 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 Veterans
22 Administration (“NNVA”). 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 NNVA.

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

1 the NNVA, as proposed by the Branch Chiefs and as requested by the NNVA, and as
2 commented 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 VETERANS ADMINISTRATION**
7 **AND RELATED MATTERS**

8 A. The Health, Education, and Human Services Committee hereby approves the proposed
9 FY2023 Budget for the Department of Veterans Administration, as detailed in the “Fund
10 Type Budget 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 NNVA, 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 NNVA 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 NNVA, 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 NNVA.

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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

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