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TITLE **An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee and Naabik'iyáti'; Supporting and Authorizing the Division of Aging and Long Term Care Support to Apply for Elder Services Funding from the Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging Older Americans Act Title VI Nutrition, Supportive Service, and Caregiver Grants (Parts A/B and C); and to Participation in Cycle VIII of the National Resources Center on Native Americans Aging Needs Assessment Titles "Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders"**

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET
Tracking No. 0160-22

DATE: August 24, 2022

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND NAABIK'IYATI'; SUPPORTING AND AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF AGING AND LONG TERM CARE SUPPORT TO APPLY FOR ELDER SERVICES FUNDING FROM THE ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING/ADMINISTRATION ON AGING OLDER AMERICANS ACT TITLE VI NUTRITION, SUPPORTIVE SERVICE, AND CAREGIVER GRANTS (PARTS A/B AND C); AND TO PARTICIPATION IN CYCLE VIII OF THE NATIONAL RESOURCES CENTER ON NATIVE AMERICANS AGING NEEDS ASSESSMENT TITLED "IDENTIFYING OUR NEEDS: A SURVEY OF ELDERS"

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, will authorize allow DALTCS to apply for Title VI funding and participate in the cycle VIII elder needs assessment.

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
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2022

INTRODUCED BY



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BE IT ENACTED:

WHEREAS,

- A. The Navajo Nation is a federally recognized Tribe existing and acing pursuant to its inherent and retained sovereignty.
- B. The Health, Education and Social Services Committee, generally, is empowered to act in all matters that concern the health, safety, and well-being of the Navajo Nation and its members. The committee represents the Navajo Nation "at local, state and federal levels, in coordination with the President of the Navajo Nation and the Naabik'iyati' Committee on proposed legislation, funding and other actions affecting health, environmental health, social services, education, veterans' services, employment, training and labor." 2 N.N.C.

1 § 401 (B) (7).

2 A. DALTCS is applying for funding from the Administration for Community
3 Living/Administration on Aging Older Americans Act Title VI grants.

4 B. The Administration for Community Living endorses the National Resource Center on
5 Native American Aging (NRCNAA) and its partnership with Tribal Nations to identify
6 the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native elders nationwide via the need
7 assessment, in which the NRCNAA and the Navajo Nation will assume the following
8 responsibilities:

9 The NRCNAA will provide:

- 10 1. Needs assessment instruments, Assistance in sampling, Training of
11 interviewers, Consultation with interviewers via email or telephone, Data
12 entry and analysis, Data storage on a secure server, Production of tables
13 and comparisons with national statistics; and,

14 The Navajo Nation will provide:

- 15 1. A Tribal Resolution documenting participation in the needs assessment,
16 A count of elders, Interviewers or volunteers to conduct the survey,
17 Interpretation of the results with local input, Development of
18 recommendations for actions, Dissemination of the results to tribal
19 leaders and health officials; and
- 20 2. Summary information from needs assessment along with a national
21 comparison report that will be returned to the governing council and to the
22 local contact person; and
- 23 3. Data sovereignty, confidentiality and safeguarding is of utmost importance;
24 therefore, the information is collected anonymously, data is stored on a
25 secure server for the life of the NRCNAA, and physical copies of the needs
26 assessments will be stored within a locked storage cabinet at the University
27 of North Dakota (UND) School of Medicine & Health Sciences for a period
28 of ten years as outlined in the UND's Records and Retention Schedule.

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- A. The Navajo Nation supports the application for funding from the Administration for Community Living/ Administration on Aging Older Americans Act Title VI grants (Parts A/B and C) for the grant period of April 1, 2023 March 31, 2026.
- B. Additionally, the Navajo Nation Council authorizes participation in the "Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders" needs assessment and grants permission to the National Resource Center on Native American Aging to use all collected needs assessment information in an aggregate format for disseminating state, regional, and national results from analyses of the data.
- C. Specific information collected within the boundaries of the Navajo Nation belongs to the Navajo Nation and may not be released in any form to individuals, agencies, or organizations without additional tribal authorization.