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**TITLE An Action Relating to Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees; Approving and Authorizing a Renewal Contract Between the Navajo Nation and the United States Department of the Interior Under 25 U.S.C. § 5301 et seq. (P.L. 93-638, as amended), for a Five (5) Year Term for the Indian Child Welfare Act Program; Beginning January 1, 2023 and Ending December 31, 2027; Approving and Authorizing the Fiscal Year Annual Funding Agreement and Scope of Work for the Period of the Contract Term**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0194-22

**DATE:** October 6, 2022

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, BUDGET AND FINANCE, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A RENEWEL CONTRACT BETWEEN THE NAVAJO NATION AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR UNDER 25 U.S.C. § 5301 *et seq.* (P.L. 93-638, AS AMENDED), FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM FOR THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT PROGRAM; BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2027; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL YEAR ANNUAL FUNDING AGREEMENT AND SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE PERIOD OF THE CONTRACT TERM**

**PURPOSE:** This resolution, if approved, will renew the P.L. 93-639 contract for the Indian Child Welfare Act Program for a five-year period beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2027.

**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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17 DECEMBER 31, 2027; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL YEAR  
18 ANNUAL FUNDING AGREEMENT AND SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE PERIOD OF  
19 THE CONTRACT TERM

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21 **BE IT ENACTED:**  
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23 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- 24 A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of  
25 the Navajo Nation Council and is empowered with oversight authority over the  
26 Division of Social Services, which includes the Navajo Indian Child Welfare Act  
27 Program. 2 N.N.C. § 401 (C) (1).  
28 B. The Budget and Finance Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation  
29 Council and is empowered to authorize, review, approve and accept agreements,  
30 including contracts and grants between the Navajo Nation and federal authority, upon

1 the recommendation of the standing committee which has oversight over the division,  
2 department or program which has applied for the agreement. 2 N.N.C. §§ 300 and §  
3 301(B)(15).

- 4 C. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council  
5 and is empowered to authorize, review, approve and accept any and all contracts,  
6 grants and associated budgets with the United States, its departments and agencies for  
7 the implementation of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act,  
8 25 U.S.C. §5301 *et seq.* (P. L. 93-638 as amended), upon the recommendation of the  
9 standing committee which has oversight over the division, department or program  
10 which has applied for the contract and/or grant. 2 N.N.C. §701(A)(12).

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12 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 13 A. It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation and its citizens to enter into the Indian  
14 Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, 25 U.S.C. §5301 *et seq.* (P. L. 93-  
15 638 as amended) contract, including the Annual Funding Agreement and Scope of  
16 Work, attached as **Exhibit A**, with the United States Department of Interior Bureau of  
17 Indian Affairs to fund and support the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Program for  
18 a five-year term beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2027.
- 19 B. The proposed ICWA Program P.L. 93-638 contract, Annual Funding Agreement, and  
20 Scope of Work, attached as **Exhibit A**, has been endorsed by requisite reviewers and  
21 is determined legally sufficient and eligible for signature. *See Exhibit B.*

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23 **SECTION THREE. APPROVALS**

- 24 A. The Navajo Nation hereby approves and authorizes a contract between the Navajo  
25 Nation and the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs,  
26 under 25 U.S.C. § 5301 *et seq.* (P.L. 93-638, as amended), for a five-year period  
27 beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2027 for the ICWA Program as  
28 set forth in the documents attached as **Exhibit A**.

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- B. The Navajo Nation hereby approves and authorizes the Annual Funding Agreement and Scope of Work for the ICWA Program, for the contract term, as set forth in the documents attached as **Exhibit A**.
- C. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the President of the Navajo Nation to execute and effectuate the P.L. 93-638 Contract, Annual Funding Agreement, and Scope of Work, provided the terms and conditions in such documents are substantially similar to those approved by this resolution.