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SPONSOR: Germaine Simonson

TITLE: An Action Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee and Navajo Nation Council; Approving the Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund Delegate Region Project Plan for Honorable Germaine Simonson's Delegate Region (Chapters: Hard Rock, Forest Lake, Pinon, Black Mesa, Whippoorwill)

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET
Tracking No. 0019-23

DATE: February 9, 2023

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION FISCAL RECOVERY FUND DELEGATE REGION PROJECT PLAN FOR HONORABLE GERMAINE SIMONSON'S DELEGATE REGION (CHAPTERS: HARD ROCK, FOREST LAKE, PINON, BLACK MESA, WHIPPOORWILL)

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, will enact Hon. Germaine Simonson's Fiscal Recovery Fund Delegate Region Projects Plan (Chapters: Hard Rock, Forest Lake, Pinon, Black Mesa, Whippoorwill).

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review the proposed resolution in detail.

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1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
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11 AN ACTION

12 RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND NAVAJO NATION
13 COUNCIL; APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION FISCAL RECOVERY FUND
14 DELEGATE REGION PROJECT PLAN FOR HONORABLE GERMAINE
15 SIMONSON'S DELEGATE REGION (CHAPTERS: HARD ROCK, FOREST
16 LAKE, PINON, BLACK MESA, WHIPPOORWILL)
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18 **BE IT ENACTED:**
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20 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- 21 A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C.
22 §102(A).
23 B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council
24 with the delegated responsibility to hear proposed resolution(s) that require final
25 action by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(9).
26 C. Navajo Nation Council Resolution No. CJN-29-22, incorporated herein by reference,
27 mandates that Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund ("NNFRF") Delegate Region
28 Project Plans be approved by Navajo Nation Council resolution and signed into law
29 by the President of the Navajo Nation pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A) and 2 N.N.C.
30 §§ 1005 (C) (10), (11), and (12).

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2 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

3 A. Navajo Nation Council Resolution No. CJN-29-22, AN ACTION RELATING TO
4 THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL;
5 ALLOCATING \$1,070,298,867 OF NAVAJO NATION FISCAL RECOVERY
6 FUNDS; APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION FISCAL RECOVERY FUND
7 EXPENDITURE PLANS FOR: CHAPTER AND REGIONAL PROJECTS; PUBLIC
8 SAFETY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS, E911, AND RURAL
9 ADDRESSING PROJECTS; CYBER SECURITY; PUBLIC HEALTH PROJECTS;
10 HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE; WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS;
11 BROADBAND PROJECTS; HOME ELECTRICITY CONNECTION AND
12 ELECTRIC CAPACITY PROJECTS; HOUSING PROJECTS AND
13 MANUFACTURED HOUSING FACILITIES; BATHROOM ADDITION
14 PROJECTS; CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY FUNDING; AND REDUCED
15 ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING, was signed into law by the President of the Navajo
16 Nation on July 15, 2022.

17 B. CJN-29-22, Section Three, states, in part and among other things, that

18 1. The Navajo Nation hereby approves total funding for the NNFRF Chapter
19 and Chapter Projects Expenditure Plan from the Navajo Nation Fiscal
20 Recovery Fund in the total amount of two hundred eleven million two
21 hundred fifty-six thousand one hundred forty-eight dollars (\$211,256,148)
22 to be divided equally between the twenty-four (24) Delegate Regions in the
23 amount of eight million eight hundred two thousand three hundred forty
24 dollars (\$8,802,340) per Delegate Region . . . and allocated through Delegate
25 Region Project Plans approved by Navajo Nation Council resolution and
26 signed into law by the President of the Navajo Nation See CJN-29-22,
27 Section Three (B).

28 2. The Delegate Region Project Plan funding will be allocated to the Navajo
29 Nation Central Government, specifically the Division of Community
30 Development or other appropriate Navajo Nation Division or Department,

1 to implement the projects rather than directly to the Chapters. *See* CJN-29-
2 22, Section Three (D).

3 3. The Navajo Nation Central Government, specifically the Division of
4 Community Development or other appropriate Navajo Nation Division or
5 Department, shall manage and administer funds and Delegate Region
6 Project Plans on behalf of Non-LGA-Certified Chapters. The Navajo Nation
7 Central Government may award funding to LGA-Certified Chapters through
8 sub-recipient agreements to implement and manage specific projects, but
9 shall maintain Administrative Oversight over such funding and Delegate
10 Region Project Plans. *See* CJN-29-22, Section Three (E).

11 4. Each Navajo Nation Council delegate shall select Fiscal Recovery Fund
12 eligible projects within their Delegate Region to be funded by the NNFRF
13 Chapter and Regional Projects Expenditure Plan through a Delegate Region
14 Projects Plan. The total cost of projects selected by each Delegate shall not
15 exceed their Delegate Region distribution of eight million eight hundred two
16 thousand three hundred forty dollars (\$8,802,340). *See* CJN-29-22, Section
17 Three (F).

18 5. Each Delegate Region Project shall identify its Administrative Oversight
19 entity and its Oversight Committee(s) and be subject CJY-41-21's NNDOJ
20 initial eligibility determination. *See* CJN-29-22, Section Three (L)(5) and
21 (L)(6).

22 D. All projects listed in the Hon. Germaine Simonson's Delegate Region Projects Plan,
23 attached as **Exhibit A**, have been deemed Fiscal Recovery Fund eligible by NNDOJ.
24 In addition, Hon. Germaine Simonson's Delegate Region Projects Plan does *not*
25 exceed the amount of \$8,802,340, as set forth in CJN-29-22, Section Three (F).

26 E. The Navajo Nation Council hereby finds that it is in the best interest of the Navajo
27 Nation and the Hon. Germaine Simonson's Delegate Region Chapters and
28 communities to approve and adopt the Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund Delegate
29 Region Project Plan for Hon. Germaine Simonson's Delegate Region (Chapters: Hard
30 Rock, Forest Lake, Pinon, Black Mesa, Whippoorwill) as set forth in **Exhibit A**.

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2 **SECTION FOUR. APPROVAL OF HON. GERMAINE SIMONSON'S DELEGATE**
3 **REGION PROJECT PLAN**

- 4 A. The Navajo Nation hereby approves the Fiscal Recovery Fund Delegate Region Project
5 Plan for Hon. Germaine Simonson's Delegate Region (Chapters: Hard Rock, Forest
6 Lake, Pinon, Black Mesa, Whippoorwill) set forth in **Exhibit A**.
- 7 B. The Delegate Region Project Plan approved herein shall comply with all applicable
8 provisions of CJY-41-21, CJN-29-22, and BFS-31-21.
- 9 C. Any inconsistencies between this legislation, the Delegate Region Project Plan, and the
10 individual project appendix, shall be resolved in favor of the project appendix reviewed
11 by Department of Justice during their eligibility determination(s).

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13 **SECTION FIVE. AMENDMENTS**

14 Amendments to this legislation or to the Delegate Region Project Plan approved herein
15 shall only be adopted by resolution of the Navajo Nation Council and approval of the
16 President of the Navajo Nation pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A)(17) and 2 N.N.C. §§ 1005
17 (C) (10), (11), and (12).

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19 **SECTION SIX. EFFECTIVE DATE**

20 This legislation shall be effective upon its approval pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 221(B), 2 N.N.C.
21 § 164 (A)(17), and 2 N.N.C. §§ 1005 (C) (10), (11), and (12).

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23 **SECTION SEVEN. SAVING CLAUSE**

24 If any provision of this legislation is determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court,
25 or by a Navajo Nation District Court without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court,
26 those provisions of this legislation not determined invalid shall remain the law of the Navajo
27 Nation.