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**TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services Committee; Approving and Adopting the Navajo Department of Health, Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services, Naloxone Administration and Training Policy**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

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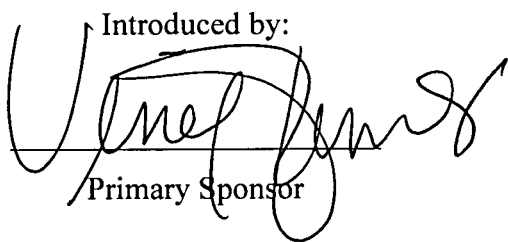
**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, NALOXONE ADMINISTRATION AND TRAINING POLICY**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this proposed resolution is to approve the Navajo Department of Health, Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services, Naloxone Administration and Training Policy.

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

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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2023

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Tracking No. 0105-23

**AN ACTION**  
**RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE NAVAJO DEPARTMENT**  
**OF HEALTH, DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH**  
**SERVICES, NALOXONE ADMINISTRATION AND TRAINING POLICY**

BE IT ENACTED:

**SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 400(A).
- B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee has oversight of the Navajo Department of Health. 2 N.N.C. §401(C)(1).
- C. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is authorized to establish Navajo Nation policy, and promulgate rules and regulations governing health, social services, education, human services, and general government services of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 401(B)(1).

**SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 1 A. The United States marked the second National Fentanyl Awareness Day on May 9,  
2 2023. The aim of National Fentanyl Awareness Day is to increase awareness and  
3 decrease demand for fentanyl, a highly addictive synthetic opioid that according to the  
4 United States Drug Enforcement Agency’s “Fentanyl Drug Fact Sheet,” attached as  
5 **Exhibit A**, can be up to 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than  
6 morphine.
- 7 B. The Biden Harris Administration issued a press release, attached as **Exhibit B**,  
8 indicating the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved Naloxone as an over-the-  
9 counter nasal spray that can be dispensed without a prescription. Naloxone is a  
10 medication that can reverse opioid related overdoses and is a critical tool to prevent  
11 fatal overdoses.
- 12 C. The Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services, within the Navajo Department  
13 of Health, has prepared the Navajo Nation’s Naloxone Policy and Overdose Education  
14 and Naloxone Distribution Tracking document, attached as **Exhibits C and D**,  
15 respectively.
- 16 D. The Navajo Nation Department of Justice has reviewed the Navajo Nation’s Naloxone  
17 Policy, and deemed the policy legally sufficient, as indicated in **Exhibit E**.
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19 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

20 The Health, Education, and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council  
21 hereby approves the Navajo Department of Health, Division of Behavioral and Mental  
22 Health Services Naloxone Policy, as detailed in **Exhibits C and D**.

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24 **SECTION FIVE. SAVING CLAUSE**

25 If any provision of this policy is determined invalid by the Supreme Court of the Navajo  
26 Nation, or by any Navajo Nation District Court without appeal to the Navajo Nation  
27 Supreme Court, the remainder of this policy shall be the law of the Navajo Nation.

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