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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee; Approving and Recommending the Budget and Finance Committee the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for the Division of Social Services and Related Matters, to be Included in the Navajo Nation's FY2024 Comprehensive Budget

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0175-23

DATE: August 02, 2023

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND RELATED MATTERS, TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NAVAJO NATION'S FY2024 COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET


PURPOSE: This proposed resolution will approve and recommend to the Budget and Finance Committee the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for the Navajo Nation Division of Social Services.

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 STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2023

3 Introduced by:

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6 (Prime Sponsor)

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10 AN ACTION
11 RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES
12 COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND
13 FINANCE COMMITTEE THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE DIVISION
14 OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND RELATED MATTERS, TO BE INCLUDED
15 IN THE NAVAJO NATION'S FY2024 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 of the Navajo Nation Division of
22 Social Services (“DSS”). 2 N.N.C. §400(A); 2 N.N.C. §401(C)(1).
23 B. Each Oversight Committee, including the Health, Education and Human Services
24 Committee, shall review and make recommendations regarding the programs under its
25 oversight responsibility, for the Navajo Nation’s Comprehensive Budget for the upcoming
26 Fiscal Year. 12 N.N.C. §840(A).

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28 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- 29 A. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. §840(A), each Oversight Committee, including the Health, Education
30 and Human Services Committee, “shall review and make recommendations to the Budget

1 and Finance Committee concerning the budget[s]” for the Programs they oversee. 12 N.N.C.
2 §840(A) further provides that Oversight Committee recommendations shall not exceed the
3 base planning amounts established in the FY2024 Budget Instructions Manual. The base
4 planning amounts were established by the Budget and Finance Committee in Resolution
5 BFJY-15-23.

6 B. In accordance with 12 N.N.C. §840(A), the Health, Education and Human Services
7 Committee held public meetings and heard reports from Program staff and the Office of
8 Management and Budget regarding the proposed FY2024 Budget for the Division of Social
9 Services.

10 C. During these budget meetings, the Health, Education and Human Services Committee
11 reviewed and considered the proposed FY2024 Budget for the Division of Social Services,
12 as compared to the base planning amounts approved by the Budget and Finance Committee
13 in Resolution BFJY-15-23.

14 D. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee finds that approval of the proposed
15 FY2024 Budget for the Division of Social Services and inclusion of such Budget in the
16 Navajo Nation’s FY2024 Comprehensive Budget is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation.
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18 **SECTION THREE. APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND**
19 **FINANCE COMMITTEE THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE**
20 **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND RELATED MATTERS**

21 A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee hereby approves the FY2024 Budget
22 for the Division of Social Services, as detailed in the “Fund Type Budget Summary” attached
23 hereto as **Exhibit A**.

24 B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee hereby approves certain revisions to
25 the Branch Chiefs’ proposed FY2024 Budget amount for the Division of Social Services, as
26 shown in Columns D and E in the “General Fund Comparative Summary” attached hereto as
27 **Exhibit B**.

28 C. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee recommends the changes to the
29 General Fund Budget described in **Exhibit C**.

30 D. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee recommends certain Conditions of

1 Appropriation and Legislative Concerns, as listed in **Exhibit D**.

2 E. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee recommends that certain Unmet
3 Needs for the Division of Social Services be included in the FY2024 Comprehensive Budget,
4 as explained in **Exhibit E**.

5 F. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee hereby recommends that the Budget
6 and Finance Committee approve the Division of Social Services FY2024 Budget and all
7 Committee recommendations, as set forth in **Exhibits A-E**.

8 G. As necessary and appropriate, the Health, Education and Human Services Committee hereby
9 authorizes the Chair and Vice-Chair to negotiate the Health, Education and Human Services
10 Committee recommendations herein with the Budget and Finance Committee.

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12 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

13 This Action shall become effective as provided in 2 N.N.C. §189(A).
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