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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Law and Order Committee; Approving and Recommending the Budget and Finance Committee the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for the Navajo Nation Ethics and Rules Office and Related Matters, to be Included in the Navajo Nation's FY2024 Comprehensive Budget**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

**Tracking No.** 0177-23

**DATE:** August 2, 2023

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION ETHICS AND RULES OFFICE AND RELATED MATTERS, TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NAVAJO NATION'S FY2024 COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET**

**PURPOSE:** This resolution, if approved, will approve and recommend to the Budget and Finance Committee the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for the Navajo Nation Ethics and Rules Office.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2023

3 Introduced by:

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(Prime Sponsor)

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10 AN ACTION  
11 RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND  
12 RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THE  
13 FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION ETHICS AND RULES  
14 OFFICE 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 Law and Order Committee (“LOC”) is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation  
21 Council with oversight authority over the Navajo Nation Ethics and Rules Office (“Ethics  
22 and Rules Office”). 2 N.N.C. §600(A); 2 N.N.C. §601(C)(1).

23 B. Each Oversight Committee, including the Law and Order Committee, shall review and make  
24 recommendations regarding the programs under its oversight responsibility for the Navajo  
25 Nation’s Comprehensive Budget for the upcoming Fiscal Year. 12 N.N.C. §840(A).

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27 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

28 A. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. §840(A), each Oversight Committee, including the Law and Order  
29 Committee, “shall review and make recommendations to the Budget and Finance Committee  
30 concerning the budget[s]” for the Programs they oversee. 12 N.N.C. §840(A) further

1 provides that Oversight Committee recommendations shall not exceed the base planning  
2 amounts established in the FY2024 Budget Instructions Manual. The base planning amounts  
3 were established by the Budget and Finance Committee in the FY2024 Budget Instructions  
4 Manual (see Resolution No. BFJY-15-23).

5 B. In accordance with 12 N.N.C. §840(A), the Law and Order Committee held public meetings  
6 and heard reports from Program staff and the Office of Management and Budget regarding  
7 the proposed FY2024 Budget for the Navajo Nation Ethics and Rules Office.

8 C. During these budget meetings, the Law and Order Committee reviewed and considered the  
9 proposed FY2024 Budget for the Navajo Nation Ethics and Rules Office, as compared to the  
10 base planning amounts established in the FY2024 Budget Instructions Manual and as  
11 recommended by the Office of Management and Budget.

12 D. The Law and Order Committee finds that approval of the proposed FY2024 Budget for the  
13 Navajo Nation Ethics and Rules Office and inclusion of such Budget in the Navajo Nation's  
14 FY2024 Comprehensive Budget is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation.

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16 **SECTION THREE. APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND**  
17 **FINANCE COMMITTEE THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO**  
18 **NATION ETHICS AND RULES OFFICE AND RELATED MATTERS**

19 A. The Law and Order Committee hereby approves the FY2024 Budget for the Navajo Nation  
20 Ethics and Rules Office, as detailed in the "Fund Type Budget Summary" attached hereto as  
21 **Exhibit A.**

22 B. The Law and Order Committee hereby approves certain revisions to the Branch Chiefs'  
23 proposed FY2024 Budget amount for the Navajo Nation Ethics and Rules Office, as shown  
24 in Columns D and E in the "General Fund Comparative Summary" attached hereto as  
25 **Exhibit B.**

26 C. The Law and Order Committee recommends the changes to the General Fund Budget  
27 described in **Exhibit C.**

28 D. The Law and Order Committee recommends certain Conditions of Appropriation and  
29 Legislative Concerns, as listed in **Exhibit D.**

30 E. The Law and Order Committee recommends that certain Unmet Needs for the Navajo Nation

1 Ethics and Rules Office be included in the FY2024 Comprehensive Budget, as explained in  
2 **Exhibit E.**

3 F. The Law and Order Committee hereby recommends that the Budget and Finance Committee  
4 approve the Navajo Nation Ethics and Rules Office FY2024 Budget and all Committee  
5 recommendations, as set forth in **Exhibits A-E.**

6 G. As necessary and appropriate, the Law and Order Committee hereby authorizes the Chair  
7 and Vice-Chair to negotiate the Law and Order Committee recommendations herein with the  
8 Budget and Finance Committee.

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10 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

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