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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 Office of Public Defender and Related Matters, to be Included in the Navajo Nation's FY2024 Comprehensive Budget**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0178-23

**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 OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENDER 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 Office of Public Defender.

**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.**



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 Office of Public Defender.

8 C. During these budget meetings, the Law and Order Committee reviewed and considered the  
9 proposed FY2024 Budget for the Navajo Nation Office of Public Defender, as compared to  
10 the 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 Office of Public Defender and inclusion of such Budget in the Navajo  
14 Nation's 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 OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENDER AND RELATED MATTERS**

19 A. The Law and Order Committee hereby approves the FY2024 Budget for the Navajo Nation  
20 Office of Public Defender, as detailed in the "Fund Type Budget Summary" attached hereto  
21 as **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 Office of Public Defender, 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 Office of Public Defender be included in the FY2024 Comprehensive Budget, as explained  
2 in **Exhibit E**.

3 F. The Law and Order Committee hereby recommends that the Budget and Finance Committee  
4 approve the Navajo Nation Office of Public Defender 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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