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**TITLE: 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 Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Administration and Related Matters, to be Included in the Navajo Nation's FY2024 Comprehensive Budget.**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0194-23

**DATE:** August 03, 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 NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION 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 Department of Veterans Administration.

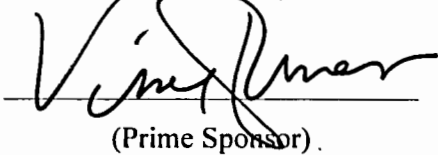
**This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review the proposed resolution in detail.**

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

Introduced by:

  
(Prime Sponsor).

Tracking No. 6194-23

**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**  
**NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AND**  
**RELATED MATTERS, TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NAVAJO NATION'S**  
**FY2024 COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET**

BE IT ENACTED:

**SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee (“HEHSC”) is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight authority of the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Administration (“NNVA”). 2 N.N.C. §400(A); 2 N.N.C. §401(C)(1).
- B. Each Oversight Committee, including the Health, Education and Human Services Committee, shall review and make recommendations regarding the programs under its oversight responsibility for the Navajo Nation’s Comprehensive Budget for the upcoming Fiscal Year. 12 N.N.C. §840(A).

**SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- A. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. §840(A), each Oversight Committee, including the Health, Education

1 and Human Services Committee, “shall review and make recommendations to the Budget  
2 and Finance Committee concerning the budget[s]” for the Programs they oversee. 12 N.N.C.  
3 §840(A) further provides that Oversight Committee recommendations shall not exceed the  
4 base planning amounts established in the FY2024 Budget Instructions Manual. The base  
5 planning amounts were established by the Budget and Finance Committee Resolution BFJY-  
6 15-23.

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

11 C. During these budget meetings, the Health, Education and Human Services Committee  
12 reviewed and considered the proposed FY2024 Budget for the Navajo Nation Department of  
13 Veterans Administration, as compared to the base planning amounts established in  
14 Resolution BFJY-15-23.

15 D. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee finds that approval of the proposed  
16 FY2024 Budget for the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Administration and inclusion  
17 of such Budget in the Navajo Nation’s FY2024 Comprehensive Budget is in the best interest  
18 of the Navajo Nation.

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20 **SECTION THREE. APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND**  
21 **FINANCE COMMITTEE THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO**  
22 **NATION DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED**  
23 **MATTERS**

24 A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee hereby approves the FY2024 Budget  
25 for the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Administration, as detailed in the “Fund Type  
26 Budget Summary” attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

27 B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee hereby approves certain revisions to  
28 the Branch Chiefs’ proposed FY2024 Budget amount for the Navajo Nation Department of  
29 Veterans Administration, as shown in Columns D and E in the “General Fund Comparative  
30 Summary” attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

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

3 D. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee recommends certain Conditions of  
4 Appropriation and Legislative Concerns, as listed in **Exhibit D**.

5 E. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee recommends that certain Unmet  
6 Needs for the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Administration be included in the  
7 FY2024 Comprehensive Budget, as explained in **Exhibit E**.

8 F. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee hereby recommends that the Budget  
9 and Finance Committee approve the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Administration  
10 FY2024 Budget and all Committee recommendations, as set forth in **Exhibits A-E**.

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

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15 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

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