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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Law and Order Committee; Approving the Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Fund Priority List for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024, as Agreed to by the Judicial Branch and the Division of Public Safety**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0278-23

**DATE: December 12, 2023**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:**

**RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE; APPROVING THE JUDICIAL/PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES FUND PRIORITY LIST FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 AND 2024, AS AGREED TO BY THE JUDICIAL BRANCH AND THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**PURPOSE:** This resolution, if approved, will approve the Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Fund Priority List for FY 2023 and 2024.

**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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6 (Prime Sponsor)



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8 Tracking No. 0278-23  
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10 AN ACT  
11 RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE; APPROVING  
12 THE JUDICIAL/PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES FUND PRIORITY LIST  
13 FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 AND 2024, AS AGREED TO BY THE JUDICIAL  
14 BRANCH AND THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
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16 BE IT ENACTED:

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18 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

19 The Navajo Nation established the Law and Order Committee as a standing committee with the  
20 authority to fund public safety facilities from the Navajo Sales Tax revenue. 2 N.N.C. §600(A);  
21 CJA-03-13, Section 5, 30 (2013); and BFD-66-11 approving the JUDICIAL/PUBLIC SAFETY  
22 FACILITIES FUND MANAGEMENT PLAN, Sections I and II (2011).  
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24 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

25 A. The Navajo Nation Council established the Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Fund.  
26 Allocations from the Fund are approved pursuant to the Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Fund  
27 Management Plan. 24 N.N.C. §620(B).

28 B. The Law and Order Committee approves a Judicial/Public Safety Facilities “Fund Priority  
29 List” which “shall identify and prioritize five Judicial Branch, Public Safety or combined  
30 Judicial/Public Safety facilities at specified locations that may receive funding from the

1 Fund.” BFD-66-11 approving the JUDICIAL/PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES FUND MANAGEMENT  
2 PLAN, Section III.C. (2011).

3 C. On November 9, 2023, the Judicial Branch and the Division of Public Safety entered into an  
4 Agreement for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024, identifying their five priority projects, and now  
5 request the Law and Order Committee’s review and approval of the Fund Priority List  
6 attached as **Exhibit 1**.

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8 **SECTION THREE. APPROVING THE FUND PRIORITY LIST**

9 The Law and Order Committee hereby approves the Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Fund  
10 Priority List for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 as shown in the Final Agreement between the  
11 Judicial Branch and the Division of Public Safety, attached as **Exhibit 1**. BFD-66-11 approving  
12 the JUDICIAL/PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES FUND MANAGEMENT PLAN, Section III. C. (2011).

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14 **SECTION FOUR. FUND ADMINISTRATION**

15 With the assistance of the Controller, the Judicial Branch and the Division of Public Safety shall  
16 ensure that all allocated funds for the five priority projects shown in **Exhibit 1** are properly  
17 administered, and that all expenditures are for the purposes set forth in the Fund Management  
18 Plan. BFD-66-11 approving the JUDICIAL/PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES FUND MANAGEMENT  
19 PLAN, Section III. A. and B. (2011).

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21 **SECTION FIVE. EFFECTIVE DATE**

22 This Act shall become effective according to 2 N.N.C. §189(A) and Resolution No. BFD-66-11.

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24 **SECTION SIX. SAVING CLAUSE**

25 If any provision of this Act is determined invalid by the Supreme Court of the Navajo Nation,  
26 or by a Navajo Nation District Court without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, the  
27 provision(s) not determined invalid shall remain as Navajo Nation law.