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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee; Concurring with the Navajo Nation President's Acceptance of Various Donations to the Diné Scholarship Annual Fund for Use by the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Tracking No. 0096-24

DATE: April 30, 2024

**RE: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE;
CONCURRING WITH THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT'S
ACCEPTANCE OF VARIOUS DONATIONS TO THE DINÉ
SCHOLARSHIP ANNUAL FUND FOR USE BY THE OFFICE OF
NAVAJO NATION SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

PURPOSE OF THIS LEGISLATION:

to give the Naabik'iyáti' Committee's concurrence of the President's acceptance of various donations to the Diné Scholarship Annual Fund; this is required under 2 N.N.C. §1010.

FINAL AUTHORITY and VOTE REQUIREMENT:

The Naabik'iyáti' Committee has final authority. A simple majority vote of the Committee is required to approve the resolution.

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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Second Year, 2024

Introduced by:

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(Prime Sponsor)

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BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Naabik'iyati' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §700(A).
- B. All Navajo Nation public officials, elected and non-elected, who receive gifts, whether intended as a gift to the individual official or to the Navajo Nation, shall record or cause to be recorded such gift with the Navajo Nation Ethics and Rules Office. 2 N.N.C. §1012.
- C. The President of the Navajo Nation shall, for and on behalf of the Navajo Nation, accept or decline gifts of property, including monetary donations, provided that any such acceptance or refusal of a gift with an estimated value in excess of \$1,000 shall be with the concurrence of the Naabik'iyati' Committee. 2 N.N.C. §1010.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance ("ONNSFA") has

1 received several monetary donations from different sources, as follows:

- 2 \$2,000.00 from Arthur and Kara Kumon - **EXHIBIT A-1**
- 3 \$1,000.00 from D. Elizabeth Prendergast - **EXHIBIT B-1**
- 4 \$5,000.00 from the Broussard Charitable Foundation - **EXHIBIT C-1**
- 5 \$1,000.00 from Michael and Gretchen Apgar - **EXHIBIT D-1**
- 6 \$2,000.00 from Werter and Mary Meeker - **EXHIBIT E-1**
- 7 \$1,000.00 from Donald Person - **EXHIBIT F-1**
- 8 \$2,000.00 from Irene Sperling - **EXHIBIT G-1**
- 9 \$2,228.30 from Dr. Amada Tachine - **EXHIBIT H-1**

10 B. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §1010, Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren has accepted the various
11 donations listed above. See **EXHIBITS A-2 through H-2.**

12 C. These donations have completed the “Executive Official Review” process and the donations
13 were approved by all reviewers. See **EXHIBITS A-3 through H-3.**

14 D. ONNSFA has prepared budget forms for its planned expenditures of the donated funds. See
15 **EXHIBITS A-4 through H-4.**

16 E. The Office of the Controller has issued a memorandum regarding the deposit of the donated
17 Kumon funds and the donated Prendergast funds. See **EXHIBIT A-5 and EXHIBIT B-5.**

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19 **SECTION FOUR. CONCURRING WITH THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT’S**
20 **ACCEPTANCE OF THE VARIOUS DONATIONS TO ONNSFA**

21 A. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §1010, the Naabik’iyati’ Committee hereby gives its concurrence with
22 the Navajo Nation President’s acceptance of the various donations to the ONNSFA, as shown
23 in EXHIBITS A-1 through H-1.

24 B. The donated funds shall be deposited into the appropriate business unit accounts as instructed
25 by the Office of the Controller.

26 C. All donated funds shall be used for the benefit of Navajo students pursuing their education
27 and training goals, in accordance with the proposed budgets shown in EXHIBITS A-4
28 through H-4.

29 D. The ONNSFA shall record the receipt of all donated funds with the Navajo Nation Ethics
30 and Rules Office, in accordance with 2 N.N.C. §1012.

1 **SECTION FIVE. EFFECTIVE DATE**

2 This Action shall become effective in accordance with 12 N.N.C. §221(C) and 2 N.N.C. §189.

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