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<u>TITLE: An Action Relating to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee; Concurring with the Navajo Nation President's Acceptance of Various Donations to the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance</u>

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET Tracking No. <u>0200-24</u>

DATE: August 28, 2024

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'IYATI' COMMITTEE; CONCURRING WITH THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF VARIOUS DONATIONS TO THE OFFICE OF NAVAJO NATION SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

PURPOSE: The purpose of this legislation is to concur with the Navajo Nation President's acceptance of donations of \$300,000.00 from the Navajo Indian Scholarship Fund administered by the Edna Bailey Sussman Fund and \$2,000 to the Diné Scholarship Annual Fund from William J. Bartley.

Final Authority: Naabik'íyáti' Committee

Vote Required: Simple Majority

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail. 5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD Naabik'íyáti' Committee Website Posting Time/Date Posting End Date: 09-03-24 Eligible for Action: 09-04-24 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 1 2 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Second Year, 2024 INTRODUCED BY 3 4 5 6 (Prime Sponsor) 7 TRACKING NO. 0200-24 8 9 10 AN ACTION 11 RELATING TO THE NAABIK'IYATI' COMMITTEE; CONCURRING WITH 12 THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF VARIOUS DONATIONS TO THE OFFICE OF NAVAJO NATION SCHOLARSHIP AND 13 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 14 15 16 BE IT ENACTED: 17 18 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation 19 Council standing committee. 2 N.N.C. § 700(A). 20 B. "All public officials, elected or non-elected, of the Navajo Nation receiving gifts, 21 whether intended as a gift to the official or to the Navajo Nation, shall record or cause 22 to be recorded such gift with the Ethics and Rules Office." 2 N.N.C. § 1012. 23 C. "The President of the Navajo Nation shall, for and on behalf of the Navajo Nation, 24 accept or decline gifts of property, provided, that any such acceptance or refusal of a 25 gift of an estimated value in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) shall be with the 26 concurrence of the Naabik'íyáti' Committee." 2 N.N.C. § 1010. 27 28 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS 29 30

- A. The Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance ("ONNSFA") has received monetary donations of \$300,000.00 from the Navajo Indian Scholarship Fund administered by the Edna Bailey Sussman Fund, attached as **Exhibit A**, and \$2,000 to the Diné Scholarship Annual Fund from William J. Bartley.
- B. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1010, Navajo Nation President Buu Van Nygren has accepted the donations listed above by letters attached as **Exhibit B-1** and **Exhibit B-2**.
- C. The ONNSFA has prepared budget forms for its planned expenditure of the donated funds, attached as **Exhibit C-1** and **Exhibit C-2**.
- D. Executive Official Review Document No. 022815 is attached as **Exhibit D**. The reviewers provided reviews of "Sufficient."

SECTION THREE. CONCURRING WITH THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE VARIOUS DONATIONS TO THE ONNSFA

- A. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1010, the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby gives its concurrence with the Navajo Nation President's acceptance of donations of the ONNSFA, as shown in **Exhibit B-1** and **Exhibit B-2**.
- B. The donated funds shall be deposited into the appropriate business unit accounts as instructed by the Office of the Controller.
- C. All donated funds shall be used for the benefit of Navajo students pursuing their education and training goals, in accordance with the proposed budgets attached as Exhibit C-1 and Exhibit C-2.
- D. The ONNSFA shall record the receipt of the donations with the Ethics and Rules Office pursuant to 2 N. N. C. §1012.

SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Action shall become effective pursuant to 12 N.N.C. §221(C) and 2 N.N.C. § 189.