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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Law and Order and Naabik'iyáti' Committees; Approving and Authorizing the Department of Corrections to Submit a Construction Project Application to the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Under Pub. L. 93-638 "Subpart J", for a Detention Facility to be Located in Fort Defiance, Arizona**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0034-25

**DATE:** March 20, 2025

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO SUBMIT A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, UNDER PUB. L. 93-638 "SUBPART J", FOR A DETENTION FACILITY TO BE LOCATED IN FORT DEFIANCE, ARIZONA**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this proposed resolution is to approve the Navajo Nation's Department of Corrections application submission to the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services

**FINAL AUTHORITY:** Naabik'iyáti' Committee  
**VOTING REQUIREMENT:** Simple Majority

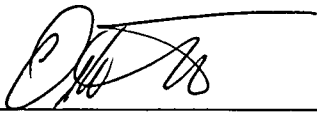
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Law & Order Committee  
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Naabik'iyáti' Committee

1                                    PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
2                                    25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—Third Year, 2025

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13                                   OF CORRECTIONS TO SUBMIT A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT  
14                                   APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR,  
15                                   BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, UNDER PUB. L. 93-638 "SUBPART J", FOR  
16                                   A DETENTION FACILITY TO BE LOCATED IN FORT DEFIANCE,  
17                                   ARIZONA

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19                                   **BE IT ENACTED:**

20                                   **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- 21                                   A. The Law and Order Committee serves as the oversight committee for the Division  
22                                   of Public Safety, within which the Department of Corrections is included.  
23                                   2 N.N.C. § 601(C)(1).  
24                                   B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is authorized to  
25                                   approve contracts between the Navajo Nation and the United States Department  
26                                   of Interior for the implementation of the Indian Self-Determination and Education  
27                                   Assistance Act, 25 U.S.C. § 5301 et seq. (P.L. 93-638, as amended). 2 N.N.C. §  
28                                   701(A)(11).

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30                                   **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

1 A. The Navajo Department of Corrections is seeking \$380,000 for the design and  
2 engineering of a detention facility in Fort Defiance, Arizona.

3 B. A comprehensive exhibit including the following documents is attached as

4 **Exhibit A.** The following are included in **Exhibit A:**

5 1. The 164 Review Form (which includes budget forms, and memoranda  
6 from OMB and OOC),

7 2. An application for a construction project,

8 3. The scope of work,

9 4. Correspondence with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and

10 5. A letter signed by President Buu Nygren, dated February 6, 2024.

11 C. The application for a construction project is made pursuant to the Code of Federal  
12 Regulations (CFR) at 25 C.F.R. 900, which relates to construction contracts.

13 D. The Navajo Nation Council finds it to be in the best interest of the Navajo Nation  
14 to approve the funding request and contract application in **Exhibit A.**

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16 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

17 A. The Navajo Nation approves the proposal outlined in **Exhibit A.**

18 B. The Navajo Nation approves and authorizes the submittal of the Department  
19 of Corrections' application for a construction project as detailed in **Exhibit A.**

20 C. The President of the Navajo Nation is authorized to execute, on behalf of the  
21 Navajo Nation, the application contained in **Exhibit A** and to take all further  
22 actions as necessary for the Navajo Nation to enter into such a contract and  
23 receive the allocated \$380,000.  
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