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TITLE: An Action Relating to Budget and Finance and Naabik'íyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$1,891,676 from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance ("UUFB") for the Navajo Epidemiology Center to fund its Unmet needs for Fiscal Year 2025

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0098-25

DATE: May 23, 2025

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO BUDGET AND FINANCE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING \$1,891,676 FROM THE UNRESERVED, UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE ("UUFb") FOR THE NAVAJO EPIDEMIOLOGY CENTER TO FUND ITS UNMET NEEDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

PURPOSE: This proposed resolution will approve \$1,891,676 from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance for the Navajo Epidemiology Center to fund its unmet needs for FY2025.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Navajo Nation Council

VOTING REQUIREMENT: 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.

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Budget & Finance Committee
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Naabik'iyáti' Committee
Thence
Navajo Nation Council

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION

25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Third Year, 2025

INTRODUCED BY:

(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0098-25

AN ACTION

RELATING TO BUDGET AND FINANCE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES,
AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING \$1,891,676 FROM THE
UNRESERVED, UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE ("UUF") FOR
THE NAVAJO EPIDEMIOLOGY CENTER TO FUND ITS UNMET NEEDS FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2025

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Budget and Finance Committee was established as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with the authority to review and recommend to the Council the budgeting, appropriation, investment and management of all funds. 2 N.N.C. § 300(A), § 301(B)(2).
- B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee was established as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with the authority to hear all proposed resolutions that require final action by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A)(9), § 700(A).
- C. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102(A). As such, the Council ". . . may adopt and approve supplemental appropriations to the Annual Comprehensive Budget during the fiscal year. Supplemental appropriations of General Funds within the current fiscal year are

1 permitted, if and when additional sources of revenues above and beyond the initial or
2 current revenue projections are projected and which are also in excess of the reserve
3 amount set forth at § 820(J).” 12 N.N.C. § 820(L).

4 D. The restrictions on supplemental appropriations, including all amounts from the
5 UUFB, include:

- 6 1. Payment of recurring government operating expenses shall be from recurring
7 revenues, and payment of nonrecurring expenses shall be from nonrecurring
8 revenues such as UUFB funds. 12 N.N.C. § 820(E), § 820(F).
 - 9 2. Specifically, the UUFB shall not be used for recurring government
10 expenditures or operations. 12 N.N.C. § 820(J), § 820(L).
 - 11 3. Nonrecurring revenues such as UUFB funds may be used only after the
12 Controller determines whether or not such revenues are subsidizing an
13 imbalance between the Navajo Nation’s recurring revenues and expenditures,
14 and government expenditures shall only be authorized if a long-term (3-year
15 to 5-year) forecast shows that the operating deficit will not continue;
16 otherwise, nonrecurring revenues will be added to the Unreserved,
17 Undesignated Fund Balance. 12 N.N.C. § 820(F).
 - 18 4. The above provisions in Title 12 may be amended or waived by a two-thirds
19 vote of the full Navajo Nation Council. 12 N.N.C. § 820(F).
 - 20 5. In compliance with 12 N.N.C. § 820(F), all UUFB funding requests must be
21 reviewed by the Controller. Such review is also required because the
22 Controller determines which revenues and expenses are recurring and which
23 are non-recurring. 12 N.N.C. § 820(L).
 - 24 6. In compliance with 12 N.N.C. § 820(B) and (M), all UUFB funding requests
25 must be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) for a
26 budget impact analysis.
 - 27 7. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 820(N)(4), UUFB appropriations revert to the
28 General Fund at the end of the fiscal year unless the Navajo Nation Council
29 waives such reversion by a 7/8 vote.
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1 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS.**

2 A. The Navajo Epidemiology Center is requesting \$1,891,676 in supplemental funding
3 from the UUFB to fund its unmet needs for Fiscal Year 2025. A memo and
4 information packet from the Navajo Epidemiology Center explaining its unmet needs
5 for FY 2025 is attached as **Exhibit A**.

6 B. The Navajo Epidemiology Center has provided the required Navajo Nation budget
7 forms, along with the Appendix J - Supplemental Funding Proposal Summary.
8 Budget Forms are attached as **Exhibit B**.

9 C. The Office of the Controller has provided a memorandum as required by 12 N.N.C.
10 §820(L), indicating that the proposed expenditures are *non-recurring*. The Controller
11 Memo is attached as **Exhibit C**.

12 D. The Office of Management and Budget has provided its memorandum as required by
13 12 N.N.C. §820(M). The OMB Memo is attached as **Exhibit D**.

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15 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL OF \$1,891,676 FROM THE UUFB FOR THE**
16 **NAVAJO EPIDEMIOLOGY CENTER TO FUND ITS UNMET NEEDS FOR**
17 **FY2025**

18 A. The Navajo Nation hereby approves supplemental appropriation in the amount of
19 \$1,891,676 from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance for the Navajo
20 Epidemiology Center to fund its unmet needs for FY2025, in accordance with the
21 attached **Exhibit B**.

22 B. This supplemental appropriation approved herein shall be from those funds that exceed
23 the minimum fund reserve balance of the UUFB required by 12 N.N.C. § 820(J).

24 C. Upon the effective date of this resolution, the approved UUFB funds shall be promptly
25 transferred into those budget line items listed in the attached **Exhibit B**.

26 D. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. §820(N), any amount of the \$1,891,676 approved herein that
27 remains unspent or unencumbered at the end of FY2025 shall revert to the General
28 Fund, unless Council waives such reversion by a 7/8 vote prior to the date in which the
29 funds are scheduled to revert.

1 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

2 This Action shall become effective in accordance with 2 N.N.C. §221(B) and 2 N.N.C.
3 §164(A)(17).

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5 **SECTION FIVE. SAVING CLAUSE**

6 If any portion of this Action is determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court,
7 or by a District Court of the Navajo Nation without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme
8 Court, the remainder of this Action shall be the law of the Navajo Nation.