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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Resources and Development and Budget and Finance Committee; Recommending and Approving the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency and Related Matters, To Be included in the Navajo Nation's FY2026 Comprehensive Budget

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0112-25

DATE: June 6, 2025

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; RECOMMENDING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND RELATED MATTERS, TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NAVAJO NATION'S FY2026 COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, will approve and recommend to the Budget and Finance Committee the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Resources and Development Committee

VOTE REQUIRED: Simple Majority

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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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Third Year, 2025

Introduced by:


(Prime Sponsor)

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AN ACTION

**RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; RECOMMENDING AND APPROVING
THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND RELATED MATTERS, TO BE
INCLUDED IN THE NAVAJO NATION'S FY2026 COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET**

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight authority over the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency. 2 N.N.C. § 500(A); 2 N.N.C. § 501 (C)(1).
- B. The Resources and Development Committee shall review and make recommendations to the Budget and Finance Committee concerning the budget in accordance with the annual budget instructions. 12 N.N.C. § 840 (A).
- C. The Budget and Finance Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council authorized to make recommendations to the Council on the budgeting and management of Navajo Nation funds. 2 N.N.C. § 300(A), § 301(B)(2). The Budget and Finance Committee is specifically authorized to make recommendations to the Council regarding the Navajo Nation's annual Comprehensive Budget for each Fiscal Year. 12

1 N.N.C. § 840(A).

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3 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 4 A. The Resources and Development Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee
5 held budget meetings and heard reports from Program staff and the Office of
6 Management and Budget regarding the proposed FY2026 Budget for the Navajo Nation
7 Environmental Protection Agency. 12 N.N.C. § 840(A).
- 8 B. The Resources and Development Committee, Committee Report shall be attached as
9 **Exhibit G** and the Budget and Finance Committee, Committee Report shall be attached
10 as **Exhibit H**.
- 11 C. Pursuant to the Navajo Nation Appropriations Act, Oversight Committee budget
12 recommendations shall not exceed the base planning amounts. 12 N.N.C. § 840(A).

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14 **SECTION THREE. RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**
15 **RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THE FISCAL**
16 **YEAR 2026 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION ENVIRONMENTAL**
17 **PROTECTION AGENCY AND RELATED MATTERS**

- 18 A. The Resources and Development Committee hereby recommends the FY2026 Budget
19 for the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency, as detailed in the "Fund Type
20 Budget Summary" attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and in the Resources and Development
21 Committee's Report, to be attached as **Exhibit G**.
- 22 B. The Resources and Development Committee hereby approves certain revisions, if any,
23 to the proposed FY2026 Budget amount for the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection
24 Agency, as shown in Columns D and E in the "General Fund Comparative Summary"
25 attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, and in the Resources and Development Committee's
26 Report to be attached as **Exhibit G**.
- 27 C. The Resources and Development Committee recommends the changes, if any, to the
28 General Fund Budget described in **Exhibit C**, and in the Resources and Development
29 Committee's Report to be attached as **Exhibit G**.
- 30 D. The Resources and Development Committee recommends certain Conditions of

1 Appropriation and Legislative Concerns, if any, as listed in **Exhibit D**, and in the
2 Resources and Development Committee's Report to be attached as **Exhibit G**.

3 E. The Resources and Development Committee recommends that certain Unmet Needs, if
4 any, for the Division of Community Development be included in the FY2026
5 Comprehensive Budget, as explained in **Exhibit E**, and in the Resources and
6 Development Committee's Report to be attached as **Exhibit G**.

7 F. The Resources and Development Committee has been presented with the External Funds
8 Anticipated in FY2026, if any, as listed in **Exhibit F**.

9 G. The Resources and Development Committee recommends that the Budget and Finance
10 Committee approve the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency's FY2026
11 Budget and all Committee recommendations as set forth in **Exhibits A-E and Exhibit**
12 **G**, the Resources and Development Committee, Committee Report.

13 H. The Resources and Development Committee hereby authorizes the Chairwoman and the
14 Vice-Chairman to negotiate with the Budget and Finance Committee on these
15 recommendations.
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17 **SECTION FOUR. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVING THE**
18 **FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION ENVIRONMENTAL**
19 **PROTECTION AGENCY AND RELATED MATTERS**

20 The Budget and Finance Committee approves the Navajo Nation Environmental
21 Protection Agency FY2026 Budget as set forth in **Exhibits A-E** and in the Budget and
22 Finance Committee's, Committee Report, **Exhibit H**, to serve as the Budget and Finance
23 Committee's recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council for including in the
24 FY2026 Comprehensive Budget.
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26 **SECTION FIVE. DIRECTIVES**

27 A. The Office of Legislative Services shall attach **Exhibit G**, the Resources and
28 Development Committee's Committee Report, that reflects all amendment(s) made to
29 this Action (Exhibits and Budget Binder documents) that are approved by the Resources
30 and Development Committee and that serve as the Resources and Development

1 Committee's recommendations to the Budget and Finance Committee.

2 B The Office of Legislative Services shall attach **Exhibit H**, the Budget and Finance
3 Committee's Committee Report, that reflects all amendment(s) made to this Action
4 (Exhibits and Budget Binder documents) as approved by the Budget and Finance
5 Committee.

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7 **SECTION SIX. EFFECTIVE DATE**

8 This Action shall become effective as provided in 2 N.N.C. § 189(A).
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