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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Budget and Finance and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving a Budget Revision Request for the Office of Legislative Counsel to Fund the Appointment of a Special Prosecutor; Waiving the Budget Instruction Manual Prohibition on Budget Revisions from Personnel Accounts to Non-Personnel Accounts; Waiving CJY-66-23, Sections 3(A) and 3(B)(I) and (2)**

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## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0193-25

**DATE:** August 19, 2025

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING A BUDGET REVISION REQUEST FOR THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL TO FUND THE APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR; WAIVING THE BUDGET INSTRUCTION MANUAL PROHIBITION ON BUDGET REVISIONS FROM PERSONNEL ACCOUNTS TO NON-PERSONNEL ACCOUNTS; WAIVING CJY-66-23, SECTIONS 3(A) AND 3(B)(1) AND (2)

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this proposed resolution is to approve a Budget Revision Request for the Office of Legislative Counsel to fund the appointment of a Special Prosecutor and waiving the budget instruction manual prohibition on budget revisions from personnel accounts to non-personnel accounts.

**FINAL AUTHORITY:** Navajo Nation Council

**VOTE REQUIRED:** 2/3 majority vote

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  
Thence  
Naabik'iyáti' Committee  
Thence  
Navajo Nation Council

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

Introduced by:

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(Prime Sponsor)

Tracking No. 0193-25

AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'  
COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING  
A BUDGET REVISION REQUEST FOR THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE  
COUNSEL TO FUND THE APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR;  
WAIVING THE BUDGET INSTRUCTION MANUAL PROHIBITION ON BUDGET  
REVISIONS FROM PERSONNEL ACCOUNTS TO NON-PERSONNEL  
ACCOUNTS; WAIVING CJY-66-23, SECTIONS 3(A) AND 3(B)(1) AND (2)

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Budget and Finance Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council that is authorized to review and make recommendations on the management of funds. 2 N.N.C. §300(A) and (B)(2).
- B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council that reviews all proposed resolutions requiring final action by the Council. 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(9).
- C. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §102(A).
- D. Navajo Nation Council Resolution CJY-66-23 Section 3(A) and 3(B)(1) and (2) and the

1 Fiscal Year Budget Instruction Manual prohibit budget revisions from personnel  
2 accounts to non-personnel accounts.

3 E. Waiver of any provision in CJY-66-23 requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the full  
4 membership of the Navajo Nation Council.

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6 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

7 A. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests a budget revision in the amount of  
8 \$665,430.00, in accordance with the attached budget revision request, attached as  
9 **Exhibit A.**

10 B. Over the past six months or more, the Ethics and Rules Office (“ERO”) investigated  
11 alleged unethical and illegal conduct tied to the Executive Branch’s contracts with  
12 Indigenous Design Studio + Architects (“IDSA”), the reported subcontract with  
13 ZenniHome and Native Community Capital. In the ERO investigation, Navajo Nation  
14 elected and appointed officials, and regular status employees, are identified as having  
15 participated in that alleged unethical and illegal conduct. In accordance with 2 N.N.C.  
16 §§ 3777, 3787 and 3789, ERO submitted a request for a special prosecutor to the Chief  
17 Legislative Counsel.

18 C. The Chief Legislative Counsel has the authority to submit an application to a Special  
19 Division of the Navajo Nation Courts requesting the appointment of a Special Prosecutor  
20 in accordance with the requirements detailed in those provisions. 2 N.N.C. § 2021, *et seq.*

21 D. On August 8, 2025, through court order, a Special Prosecutor was appointed by the  
22 Special Division. The Chief Legislative Counsel was also ordered to negotiate and tender  
23 a contract for work for the Special Prosecutor to be submitted within 30 days to the  
24 Special Division for approval.

25 E. Due to line-item vetoes by Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren in the FY’25  
26 Comprehensive Budget, the Office of Legislative Counsel (“OLC”) does not have  
27 sufficient funds in the 6660-Attorneys contractual line item of its budget. OLC, however,  
28 has available funds, in the amount of \$665,430 in its FY’25 budget in its personnel line  
29 items; 2110-Regular, 2310-Temporary, 2510-Overtime, and 2900-Fringe Benefits.

30 F. To fund the appointed Special Prosecutor, OLC requests approval of a budget revision

1           that would move funds from its personnel account to a non-personnel account.

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3   **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

4   The Navajo Nation Council hereby approves the Office of Legislative Counsel's Budget  
5   Revision Request as shown in the attached **Exhibit A**.

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7   **SECTION FOUR. WAIVERS OF NAVAJO NATION LAW**

8       A. The Navajo Nation waives Sections 6(D) and 12(D)(12)(a) of the BIM that restrict budget  
9       revisions from personnel accounts to non-personnel accounts.

10      B. The Navajo Nation waives Sections 3(A) and 3(B)(1) and (2) of Council Resolution CJY-  
11      66-23.

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13   **SECTION FIVE. EFFECTIVE DATE**

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

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16   **SECTION SIX. SAVING CLAUSE**

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