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TITLE: An Action Relating to Law and Order, Budget and Finance and Naabik'iyáti' Committees; Approving and Authorizing Public Law 93-638 Contract Between the Navajo Nation and U.S. Department of the Interior for Law Enforcement -Patrol Services for a Period of Five Years; Approving and Authorizing Annual Funding Agreement(s)

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 02/6-25

DATE: September 9, 2025

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, BUDGET AND FINANCE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING PUBLIC LAW 93- 638 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE NAVAJO NATION AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT - PATROL SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING ANNUAL FUNDING AGREEMENT(S)

PURPOSE: The purpose of this proposed resolution is to renew a 5 year P.L. 638 Agreement with Navajo Nation Law Enforcement and the U.S. Department of Interior.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Naabik'íyáti' Committee

VOTE REQUIRED: Simple Majority

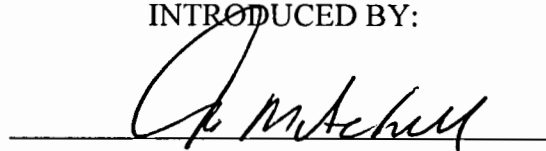
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Eligible for Action: 9/21/25

Law & Order Committee
Thence
Budget & Finance Committee
Thence
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

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

INTRODUCED BY:


(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0216-25

AN ACTION RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, BUDGET AND FINANCE AND
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING PUBLIC
LAW 93- 638 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE NAVAJO NATION AND U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT - PATROL
SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING
ANNUAL FUNDING AGREEMENT(S)

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council.
2 N.N.C. § 600(A). The committee serves as oversight for the Navajo Nation Division
of Public Safety. 2 N.N.C. § 601 (C)(1).
- B. The Budget and Finance Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation
Council. It has the authority to "authorize, review, approve and accept agreements,
including contracts and grants, between the Navajo Nation and any federal, state or
regional authority upon the recommendation of the standing committee which has
oversight of the division, department or program which has applied for the agreement,
or upon recommendation of the Chapter." 2 N.N.C. § 301 (B)(15).

- 1 C. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. It
2 has the authority to "authorize, review, approve and accept any and all contracts, grants
3 and associated budgets with the United States, its departments and agencies for the
4 implementation of the Indian Self- Determination and Education Assistance Act, as
5 amended upon the recommendation of the standing committee which has oversight of
6 the division, department or program applying for the contract and/or grant." 2.N.N.C.
7 § 701 (A)(4) and (12).
- 8 D. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the federal
9 government Treaty of 1868, Navajo Nation and the United States.

11 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- 12 A. It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation and its citizens to enter into the Indian
13 Self-determination and Education Assistance Act contract pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 5301
14 et seq. (P.L. 93-638, as amended). The P.L. 93-638 Contract is for Law Enforcement
15 Patrol Services, specifically requesting Technical Assistance with Amending the Scope
16 of Work for CY 2026 Contract Funds Renewal is attached as **Exhibit A**.
- 17 B. The P.L. 93-638 Contract is with the United States Department of the Interior Bureau
18 of Indian Affairs and the Navajo Police Department for a five year term beginning
19 January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2030.
- 20 C. The proposed Law Enforcement Patrol Services Contract, Annual Funding Agreement,
21 and Scope of Work is attached as **Exhibit A**.
- 22 D. Navajo Nation Department of Justice reviewed the contract and determined legally
23 sufficient and eligible for signature. The Department of Justice's review is attached as
24 **Exhibit B**.

26 SECTION THREE. APPROVALS

- 27 A. The Navajo Nation approves and authorizes a contract between the Navajo Nation and
28 the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, under 25 U.S.C. §5301
29 et seq. (P.L. 93-638, as amended) for a five (5) year term beginning January 1, 2026,
30 and ending December 31, 2030, for the Law Enforcement Patrol services. The contract

1 is attached as **Exhibit A**. This approval and authorization include the required Annual
2 Funding Agreement under the contract (including agreement for fiscal year 2026).

3 B. Pursuant to 2.N.N.C. §164 (A) and § 701 (A)(4) the Navajo Nation approves and
4 authorizes the submittal of the Division of Public Safety's application for Law
5 Enforcement Patrol Services for the contract term as set forth in **Exhibit A**.

6 C. The Navajo Nation authorizes the Navajo Nation President, or his duly authorized
7 designee or successor to execute and effectuate the P.L. 93-638 Contract, Annual
8 Funding Agreement, and Scope of Work provided the terms and conditions in such
9 documents are substantially similar to those approved by this resolution.