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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0220-25

DATE: September 18, 2025

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEES; ACCEPTING INTERNAL AUDIT OF THE FORT DEFIANCE CHAPTER AND APPROVING THE FORT DEFIANCE CHAPTER CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

PURPOSE: This legislation will accept the internal audit of the Fort Defiance Chapter and approve its Corrective Action Plan.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Budget and Finance Committee

VOTE REQUIRED: Simple Majority

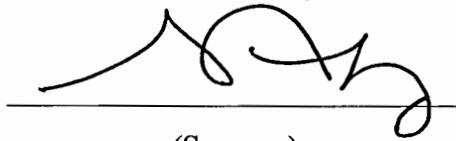
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Resources & Development Committee
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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Third Year, 2025

Introduced by:



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AND BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEES; ACCEPTING INTERNAL
AUDIT OF THE FORT DEFIANCE CHAPTER AND APPROVING THE FORT
DEFIANCE CHAPTER CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is the oversight committee for all 110 Navajo Nation Chapters. 2 N.N.C. § 501(C)(1).
- B. As the oversight authority for Chapters, the Resources and Development Committee reviews chapter audit reports and proposed corrective action plans regarding chapter financial matters. 12 N.N.C. § 7 (E).
- C. The Budget and Finance Committee has the final authority to review and approve audit reports issued by the Auditor General, as well as proposed corrective action plans. 12 N.N.C. § 6(A) and § 7(D).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- 1 A. In accordance with 12 N.N.C. § 6, the Navajo Nation Office of the Auditor General has
2 provided the internal audit report for the Fort Defiance Chapter. Report No. 24-08 (the
3 "Audit Report") is attached as **Exhibit A**.
- 4 B. The Auditor General's summary of the findings in the Audit Report is explained in a letter
5 to the Fort Defiance Chapter President, dated June 21, 2024.
- 6 C. The Fort Defiance Chapter responded to the Audit Report, in a letter dated June 14, 2024.
7 This letter is included in **Exhibit A**.
- 8 D. In its resolution dated May 19, 2025, the Fort Defiance Chapter approved the Chapter's
9 Final Revised Corrective Action Plan to the Navajo Nation Office of the Auditor General,
10 attached as **Exhibit B**.

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12 **SECTION THREE. ACCEPTING THE AUDIT OF THE FORT DEFIANCE CHAPTER**
13 **AND APPROVING THE CHAPTER'S PROPOSED CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

- 14 A. The Navajo Nation hereby accepts the Auditor General's Audit Report of the Fort
15 Defiance Chapter, Report No. 24-08, attached as **Exhibit A**.
- 16 B. The Navajo Nation hereby approves the Corrective Action Plan proposed by the Fort
17 Defiance Chapter, attached as **Exhibit B**. Report.

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19 **SECTION FOUR. DIRECTIVES**

- 20 A. A copy of the Audit Report and Ft. Defiance Chapter's Corrective Action Plan, as
21 approved in this legislation, shall be provided to the Resources and Development
22 Committee as part of Resources and Development Committee's oversight responsibility
23 over Navajo Nation Chapters. 12 N.N.C. § 7(E).
- 24 B. The Fort Defiance Chapter shall prepare and submit a written status report on its progress
25 regarding implementation of its approved Corrective Action Plan. The Fort Defiance
26 Chapter shall submit said report to the Office of the Auditor General no later than six
27 months after the effective date of this Action. 12 N.N.C. § 7(F),
- 28 C. The Office of the Auditor General shall receive and review the Fort Defiance Chapter's
29 six-month status report and shall prepare a memorandum explaining the Auditor
30 General's opinion about the success of the Fort Defiance Chapter's corrective efforts and

1 the Chapter's compliance with its approved Corrective Action Plan during the noted six-
2 month period. 12 N.N.C. § 7(F).

3 D. The Office of the Auditor General shall then promptly submit such memorandum along
4 with the Fort Defiance Chapter's status report to the Resources and Development
5 Committee and Budget and Finance Committee. 12 N.N.C. § 7(F)(2).

6 E. Twelve months after the effective date of this Action, the Office of the Auditor General
7 shall conduct a follow-up review of the Fort Defiance Chapter to determine whether or
8 not the Chapter has successfully implemented its approved Corrective Action Plan. 12
9 N.N.C. § 7(G)

10 F. The Office of the Auditor General shall then promptly prepare its twelve-month report
11 on its findings resulting from the follow-up review. Such report shall include the Auditor
12 General's recommended sanctions, if any, to be imposed upon the Fort Defiance Chapter
13 for failing to sufficiently implement its Corrective Action Plan. 12 N.N.C. § 7(G).

14 G. The Auditor General's follow-up report shall be presented to the Resources and
15 Development Committee and Budget and Finance Committee. 12 N.N.C. §§ 7(G) and
16 7(H).