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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Resources and Development Committee and the Naabik'iváti' Committee; Amending Council Resolution CJA-01-21, and Resolution NABIAP-24-24; Extending the Deadline for the Expenditure of Sihasin Funds for Chapter Heavy Equipment Purchases**

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## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0003-26

**DATE:** December 9, 2025

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; AMENDING COUNCIL RESOLUTION CJA-01-21, AND RESOLUTION NABIAP-24-24; EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SIHASIN FUNDS FOR CHAPTER HEAVY EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

**PURPOSE:** This proposed resolution will approve an extension for chapter heavy equipment purchase from the Sihasin Fund as previously approved in Resolution NABIAP-24-24.

**FINAL AUTHORITY:** Naabik'iyati' Committee

**VOTE REQUIREMENT:** 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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Resources & Development Committee  
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Naabik'iyáti' Committee

1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
2 25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Third Year, 2025

3 Introduced by: .  
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14 DEADLINE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SÍHASIN FUNDS FOR CHAPTER  
15 HEAVY EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

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17 BE IT ENACTED:

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19 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

20 A. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation  
21 Council with oversight authority over community development matters, the Navajo Nation  
22 Division of Community Development, and the 110 Navajo Nation Chapters, among other  
23 responsibilities. 2 N.N.C. §500(B); 2 N.N.C. §500(C)(1).

24 B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with the  
25 authority to hear proposed resolutions requiring final action by the Navajo Nation Council.  
26 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(9); 2 N.N.C. §700(A); 2 N.N.C. §701(A)(3).

27 C. The Navajo Nation Council allocated money from the Síhasin Fund to the Division of  
28 Community Development for heavy equipment purchases for Navajo Nation Chapters.  
29 Resolution CJA-01-21.

30 D. The Navajo Nation Council delegated to the Resources and Development Committee and

1 the Naabik'iyáti' Committee the authority over the deadline for the expenditure of the  
2 allocated Síhasin funds. CJA-01-21, Section 4, Paragraph 5.

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## 4 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

5 A. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee, through Resolution NABIAP-24-24, attached as **Exhibit A**,  
6 approved an extension to projects previously approved in Resolution NABIAP-24-24.

7 B. Resolution CJA-01-21, included in **Exhibit A**, allocated Síhasin Funds for the Division of  
8 Community Development to purchase certain heavy equipment for Navajo Nation Chapters.

9 C. Resolution CJA-01-21 initially established a deadline of 90 days from the date of distribution  
10 of funds for heavy equipment purchases to revert back to the Síhasin Fund. The original  
11 deadline has been previously extended, most recently by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee in  
12 Resolution NABIAP-24-24, which extended the deadline to December 31, 2025.

13 D. Whippoorwill Chapter approved chapter resolution, WC-25-21, requesting its project  
14 approved in Resolution CJA-01-21 be amended. The chapter resolution, attached as **Exhibit**  
15 **B**, indicates that it would like to change the approved project from purchasing a forklift to  
16 truck. The chapter also indicates that the COVID-19 pandemic and Navajo Nation  
17 government shutdown contributed to the delay in allowing the chapter to expend the funds  
18 timely.

19 E. Before Whippoorwill Chapter's project can be amended in Resolution CJA-01-21, the  
20 deadline must be extended.

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## 22 SECTION THREE. APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE SÍHASIN FUNDS 23 EXPENDITURE DEADLINE FOR CHAPTER HEAVY EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

24 A. The Navajo Nation hereby approves an extension of the deadline of Síhasin Fund, initially  
25 approved in Resolution CJA-01-21, and most recently extended in Resolution NABIAP-24-  
26 24, for Navajo Nation Chapters heavy equipment purchases until **December 31, 2026**.

27 B. Any Síhasin funds approved in CJA-01-21 that are not spent or encumbered in accordance  
28 with the approved Chapter Heavy Equipment Expenditure Plan by the new December 31,  
29 2026, deadline shall revert to the Síhasin Fund, unless otherwise recommended by the  
30 Resources and Development Committee and approved by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee.

1 C. If the funding has already reverted to the Síhasin Fund, the Office of Management and  
2 Budget is directed to promptly transfer those funds to the appropriate DCD Business Unit  
3 for the Chapter Heavy Equipment Expenditure Plan approved in CJA-01-21.

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5 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

6 This Action shall become effective in accordance with 12 N.N.C. §2505 and 2 N.N.C. §189.

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8 **SECTION FIVE. SAVING CLAUSE**

9 If any portion of this Action is determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or  
10 by a final order of a District Court of the Navajo Nation without appeal to the Navajo Nation  
11 Supreme Court, the remainder of this Action shall be the law of the Navajo Nation.

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