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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Resources and Development Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee; Approving the Fund Management Plan for the Navajo Natural Heritage Program and the Diné Native Plants Program**

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## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0010-24

**DATE:** January 14, 2026

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; APPROVING THE FUND MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE NAVAJO NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM AND THE DINÉ NATIVE PLANTS PROGRAM

**PURPOSE:** This proposed resolution is to approve the Fund Management Plan for the Navajo Natural Heritage Program and Diné Native Plants Program within the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

**FINAL AUTHORITY:** Budget and Finance 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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Budget & Finance Committee

1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
2 25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – FOURTH YEAR, 2026  
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13 THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; APPROVING THE FUND  
14 MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE NAVAJO NATURAL HERITAGE  
15 PROGRAM AND THE DINÉ NATIVE PLANTS PROGRAM

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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  
21 Nation Council with oversight authority over the Navajo Nation Division of Natural  
22 Resources. 2 N.N.C. § 501 (C)(1)

23 B. The Budget and Finance Committee is empowered to approve Fund Management  
24 Plans upon the recommendation of the appropriate oversight committee and the  
25 affected division or branch. 2 N.N.C. § 301 (B)(14)

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27 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

28 A. The Department of Fish and Wildlife (“DFW”) is established within the Division of  
29 Natural Resources with an approved Plan of Operation through Resolution RDCO-

1 79-16. The Department's responsibility is to manage, conserve, and protect fish,  
2 wildlife, plant resources and their habitats within the Navajo Nation.

3 B. The DFW has prepared the Navajo Natural Heritage Program and Diné Native  
4 Plants Program Fund Management Plan, attached as **Exhibit A**, to facilitate the  
5 expenditure of funds from projected revenues and fees collected under the Navajo  
6 Natural Heritage Program and Diné Native Plants Programs.

7 C. The Fund Management Plan provides that the DFW can receive and expend  
8 revenue from donations and fees collected to improve wildlife management,  
9 agricultural production, environmental permitting, revenue generation, project  
10 planning and implementation, infrastructure development, and operations, for the  
11 Navajo Natural Heritage Program and Diné Native Plants Program as indicated in  
12 Section V and Section VI of **Exhibit A**.

13 D. The Office of Management and Budget, Office of the Controller, and Department of  
14 Justice have reviewed the proposed Fund Management Plan as part of an Executive  
15 Official Review, attached as **Exhibit B**, and determined that the proposed fund  
16 management plan is legally sufficient.

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18 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

19 The Navajo Nation approves the Navajo Natural Heritage Program and Diné Native  
20 Plants Program Fund Management Plan as detailed in **Exhibit A**.

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