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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. 0010-26

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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Resources & Development Committee
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Budget & Finance Committee

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – FOURTH YEAR, 2026

Introduced by:


(Prime Sponsor)

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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

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight authority over the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources. 2 N.N.C. § 501 (C)(1)
- B. The Budget and Finance Committee is empowered to approve Fund Management Plans upon the recommendation of the appropriate oversight committee and the affected division or branch. 2 N.N.C. § 301 (B)(14)

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Department of Fish and Wildlife (“DFW”) is established within the Division of 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.

17 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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