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TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education, Human Services and Naabik'iyáti' Committees; Approving the Indian Health Services Tribal Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreement Program Grant Awarded to the Tsehootsooi Medical Center for a Period of Five (5) Years Beginning 2026 Through 2031

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET
Tracking No. 0038-26

DATE: February 18, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; APPROVING THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE TRIBAL INJURY PREVENTION COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT PROGRAM GRANT AWARDED TO THE TSEHOOTSOOI MEDICAL CENTER FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS BEGINNING 2026 THROUGH 2031

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, would provide an approved tribal resolution for Tsehootsooi Medical Center to receive the Indian Health Service Tribal Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreement Grant that it was awarded.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Naabik'iyáti' Committee

VOTE REQUIRED: Simple Majority

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

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1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Fourth Year, 2026

3 Introduced by:

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6 (Prime Sponsor)

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8 Tracking No. 0038-26

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10 AN ACTION
11 RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND
12 NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; APPROVING THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE
13 TRIBAL INJURY PREVENTION COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT PROGRAM
14 GRANT AWARDED TO THE TSEHOOTSOOI MEDICAL CENTER FOR A PERIOD
15 OF FIVE (5) YEARS STARTING 2026 THROUGH 2031

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17 BE IT ENACTED:

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19 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 20 A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the
21 Navajo Nation Council and is empowered to represent the Navajo Nation at local, state
22 and federal levels, in coordination with the President of the Navajo Nation and the
23 Naabik'iyáti' Committee, on proposed legislation, funding and other actions affecting
24 health, environmental health, social services, education, veteran's services,
25 employment, training and labor. 2 N.N.C. §§ 400(A), 401(B)(7).
- 26 B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and
27 is empowered to coordinate all federal, county, and state programs with other standing
28 committees and branches of the Navajo Nation government to provide the most efficient
29 delivery of services to the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700(A), 701(A)(4).
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1 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

2 A. The Navajo Department of Health is established as a Department under the Executive
3 Branch of the Navajo Nation Government and is comprised of programs offices and
4 administrative components needed to fulfill the Department’s Plan of Operation. 2
5 N.N.C. §§ 1601 and 1606.

6 B. The Fort Defiance Indian Hospital Board Inc. (also known as Tsehootsooi Medical
7 Center) was designated a “tribal organization” for a period of fifteen (15) years
8 beginning December 29, 2021 through December 28, 2036, for the purposes of
9 contracting with the United States Indian Health Services and to negotiate and enter
10 into Title I, Indian Self Determination Act (P.L. 93-638, as amended) Contracts, and
11 Title V Self Governance Compacts pursuant to the Indian Self Determination Act (P.L.
12 93-638, as amended). NABIAU-26-21.

13 C. On July 21, 2025, the Indian Health Service announced a Notice of Funding
14 Opportunity, entitled “Tribal Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreement Program
15 (“TIPCAP”) Funding Announcement,” Announcement Number: HHS-2026-IHS-IPP-
16 0001.

17 D. The purpose of TIPCAP is to address the disparity in injury rates between American
18 Indian/Native American people and other population groups in the United States.
19 TIPCAP encourages Tribes and Urban Indian Organizations to implement focused,
20 community-based injury prevention programs and projects using evidence-based and
21 evidence-informed strategies. Awardees will hire a full-time Tribal Injury Prevention
22 Coordinator, develop and maintain an evaluation plan, develop a five-year plan,
23 incorporate evidence-based or evidence-informed injury prevention strategies, select
24 up to two evidence-based and/or evidence informed strategies in Years 1 and 2, and up
25 to three (3) strategies in the following years, develop partnerships through leading or
26 participating in an injury prevention coalition, obtain required certifications, attend
27 required trainings and meetings, and develop a sustainability plan by the end of Year
28 3. These activities and/or services are aimed at reducing injury rates in the service area.

29 E. Tsehootsooi Medical Center applied for TIPCAP and were awarded the TIPCAP grant
30 on January 15, 2026. In order to receive the awarded TIPCAP grant, Tsehootsooi

1 Medical Center must provide a Tribal Resolution approving the grant award. The
2 TIPCAP Notice of Award is attached as **Exhibit A**.

3 F. As indicated in a letter of support attached as **Exhibit B**, the Fort Defiance Indian
4 Hospital Board Inc. Board of Directors supports the TIPCAP grant award to serve
5 members in three communities with the highest rates of falls and injuries located in the
6 Fort Defiance service area and includes Fort Defiance, Saint Michaels, and Nahata
7 Dziil chapters.

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9 **SECTION THREE. APPROVING THE TRIBAL INJURY PREVENTION**
10 **COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT PROGRAM GRANT AWARDED TO**
11 **TSEHOOTSOOI MEDICAL CENTER**

12 The Navajo Nation hereby approves the Tsehootsooi Medical Center's Tribal Injury
13 Prevention Cooperative Agreement Program Grant Award to serve the Fort Defiance
14 Service Area on the Navajo Nation awarded by the Indian Health Service on January 15,
15 2026.