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TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services and Budget and Finance Committees; Accepting a Performance Audit of the Navajo Nation Food Distribution Program and Approving the Navajo Nation Food Distribution Program's Corrective Action Plan

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0039-26

DATE: February 18, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEES; ACCEPTING A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE NAVAJO NATION FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM AND APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

PURPOSE: This legislation will accept and approve the Auditor General's Audit Report of the Navajo Food Distribution Program, Report No. 19-19 and the Corrective Action Plan proposed by the Navajo Food Distribution Program.

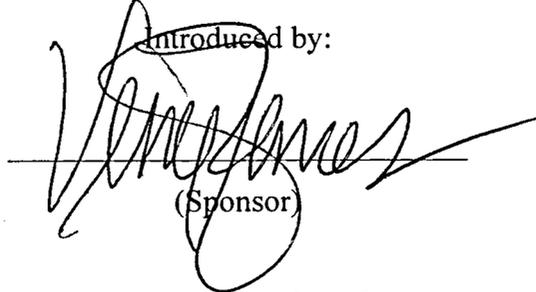
FINAL AUTHORITY: Budget and Finance Committee

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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13 AUDIT OF THE NAVAJO NATION FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM AND
14 APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM'S
15 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

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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 of the Navajo Nation Council
21 is the oversight committee for the Department of Health. 2 N.N.C. § 401(C)(1). The
22 Navajo Food Distribution Program is a program within the Department of Health –
23 Division of Public Health. See, HEHSCJA-01-18.
24 B. The Budget and Finance Committee has the final authority to review and approve audit
25 reports issued by the Auditor General, as well as proposed corrective action plans. 12
26 N.N.C. § 6(A) and § 7(D).

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28 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- 29 A. In accordance with 12 N.N.C. § 6, the Navajo Nation Office of the Auditor General has
30 provided a performance audit report of the Navajo Food Distribution Program, Report

1 No. 19-19 (hereinafter referred to as "Audit Report") which is attached hereto as
2 **Exhibit A.**

3 B. The Auditor General's summary of the findings in the Audit Report is explained in a
4 letter to the Navajo Food Distribution Program, dated June 28, 2019.

5 C. The Navajo Food Distribution Program accepted the Auditor General's final draft of
6 the Audit Report, in a letter dated June 26, 2019.

7 D. The Navajo Food Distribution Program has provided a Corrective Action Plan to the
8 Navajo Nation Office of the Auditor General, attached as **Exhibit B.**

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10 **SECTION THREE. ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE AUDIT REPORT OF**
11 **THE NAVAJO FOOD DISTRUBUTION PROGRAM AND THE NAVAJO FOOD**
12 **DISTRUBUTION PROGRAM'S PROPOSED CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

13 A. The Navajo Nation hereby accepts and approves the Auditor General's Audit Report of
14 the Navajo Food Distribution Program, Report No. 19-19, attached as **Exhibit A.**

15 B. The Navajo Nation hereby accepts and approves the Corrective Action Plan proposed
16 by the Navajo Food Distribution Program, attached as **Exhibit B.**

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18 **SECTION FOUR. DIRECTIVES**

19 A. A copy of the Audit Report and Navajo Food Distribution Program's Corrective Action
20 Plan, as approved in this legislation, shall be provided to the Health, Education and
21 Human Services Committee as part of its oversight responsibility over Navajo Nation
22 Department of Health. 2 N.N.C. § 401(C)(1).

23 B. The Navajo Food Distribution Program shall prepare and submit a written status report
24 to the Office of the Auditor General, no later than six months after the date of approval
25 of the Navajo Food Distribution Program's Corrective Action Plan. The report shall
26 address the Program's progress regarding implementation of its Corrective Action
27 Plan. 12 N.N.C. § 7(F).

28 C. The Office of the Auditor General shall receive and review the Navajo Food
29 Distribution Program's six-month status report and shall prepare a memorandum
30 explaining the Auditor General's opinion as to the success of the Navajo Food

1 Distribution Program's corrective efforts, and shall provide a copy of the Program's
2 status report along with the Office of the Auditor General memorandum to the Health,
3 Education and Human Services Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee. 12
4 N.N.C. § 7 (F).

- 5 D. Twelve months after the effective date of this Action, the Office of the Auditor General
6 shall conduct a follow-up review of the Navajo Food Distribution Program to review
7 and determine whether or not the Program has successfully implemented its approved
8 Corrective Action Plan. The Office of the Auditor General shall prepare a report on its
9 findings resulting from the follow-up review, and such report shall include the Auditor
10 General's recommended sanctions, if any, to be imposed upon the Navajo Food
11 Distribution Program for failure to implement the Corrective Action Plan. 12 N.N.C. §
12 7(G).