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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Budget and Finance and Naabik'íyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$194,810.00 from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance ("UUFB") for the Office of Miss Navajo to Fund a Supplemental Fiscal Need for Unmet Needs for Fiscal Year 2026; Waiving 12 N.N.C. §§ 820 (E), (F), (J) and (L)**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**  
**Tracking No. 008326**

**DATE:** April 15, 2026

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING \$194,810.00 FROM THE UNRESERVED, UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE ("UUFB") FOR THE OFFICE OF MISS NAVAJO NATION TO FUND A SUPPLEMENTAL FISCAL NEED FOR UNMET NEEDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; WAIVING 12 N.N.C. §§ 820(E), (F), (J), and (L)**

**PURPOSE:** This resolution, if approved, would allocate \$194,810.00 from the UUFB for the Office of Miss Navajo Nation to fund unmet needs for the remainder of FY2026.

**FINAL AUTHORITY:** Navajo Nation Council

**VOTE REQUIRED:** 2/3 Vote of the Navajo Nation Council

**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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Budget & Finance Committee  
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Naabik'iyáti' Committee  
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Navajo Nation Council

1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
2 25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2026

3 Introduced by:

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6 (Prime Sponsor)

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15 NEED FOR UNMET NEEDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026;  
16 WAIVING 12 N.N.C. §§ 820(E), (F), (J), and (L)

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18 BE IT ENACTED:

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20 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 21 A. The Budget and Finance Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation  
22 Council and has the authority to review and recommend to the Council the budgeting,  
23 appropriation, investment and management of all funds. 2 N.N.C. §§ 300 (A) and  
24 301 (B)(2).
- 25 B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council  
26 with the authority to hear all proposed resolutions that require final action by the  
27 Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9) and 700 (A).
- 28 C. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation and, “may  
29 adopt and approve supplemental appropriations to the Annual Comprehensive  
30 Budget during the fiscal year . . . when additional sources of revenues above and

1 beyond the initial or current revenue projections are projected and which are also in  
2 excess of the reserve amount set forth at § 820(J).” 2 N.N.C. § 102(A) and 12 N.N.C.  
3 § 820(L).

4 D. The restrictions on supplemental appropriations, including all amounts from the  
5 UUFB, include:

- 6 1. Payment of recurring government operating expenses shall be from recurring  
7 revenues, and payment of nonrecurring expenses shall be from nonrecurring  
8 revenues such as UUFB funds. 12 N.N.C. § 820(E) and (F).
- 9 2. Specifically, the UUFB shall not be used for recurring government expenditures  
10 or operations. 12 N.N.C. § 820(J) and (L).
- 11 3. Nonrecurring revenues such as UUFB funds may be used only after the  
12 Controller determines whether or not such revenues are subsidizing an  
13 imbalance between the Navajo Nation’s recurring revenues and expenditures,  
14 and government expenditures shall only be authorized if a long-term (3-year to  
15 5-year) forecast shows that the operating deficit will not continue; otherwise,  
16 nonrecurring revenues will be added to the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund  
17 Balance. 12 N.N.C. § 820(F).
- 18 4. The above provisions in Title 12 may be amended or waived by a two-thirds  
19 vote of the full Navajo Nation Council. 12 N.N.C. § 820(F).
- 20 5. In compliance with 12 N.N.C. § 820(F), all UUFB funding requests must be  
21 reviewed by the Controller. Such review is also required because the Controller  
22 determines which revenues and expenses are recurring and which are non-  
23 recurring. 12 N.N.C. § 820(L).
- 24 6. In compliance with 12 N.N.C. § 820(B) and (M), all UUFB funding requests  
25 must be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) for a  
26 budget impact analysis.
- 27 7. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 820(N)(4), UUFB appropriations revert to the General  
28 Fund at the end of the fiscal year unless the Navajo Nation Council waives such  
29 reversion by a 7/8 vote.
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1       **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 2       A. The Office of Miss Navajo Nation (“OMNN”) is requesting \$194,810.00 in  
3       supplemental funding from the UUFB to fund unmet needs for the remainder of  
4       Fiscal Year 2026 (“FY2026”).
- 5       B. The OMNN has provided the required Navajo Nation budget forms, attached as  
6       **Exhibit A**, along with the Appendix J - Supplemental Funding Proposal Summary.
- 7       C. The Office of the Controller provided a memorandum as required by 12 N.N.C. §  
8       820(L), attached as **Exhibit B**, indicating that the proposed expenditures are  
9       *recurring*.
- 10      D. The Office of Management and Budget provided its budget impact analysis  
11      memorandum as required by 12 N.N.C. § 820(M), attached as **Exhibit C**.

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13       **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL OF \$194,810.00 FROM THE UUFB FOR THE**  
14       **OFFICE OF MISS NAVAJO NATION TO FUND UNMET NEEDS FOR THE**  
15       **REMAINDER OF FY2026**

- 16      A. The Navajo Nation hereby approves supplemental appropriation in the amount of  
17      \$194,810.00 from the UUFB for the OMNN to fund unmet needs for the remainder  
18      of FY2026, in accordance with the attached **Exhibit A**.
- 19      B. This supplemental appropriation approved herein shall be from those funds that  
20      exceed the minimum fund reserve balance of the UUFB required by 12 N.N.C. §  
21      820(J).
- 22      C. Upon the effective date of this resolution, the approved UUFB funds shall be  
23      promptly transferred into those budget line items listed in the attached **Exhibit A**.
- 24      D. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 820(N), any amount of the \$194,810.00 approved herein  
25      that remains unspent or unencumbered at the end of FY2026 shall revert to the  
26      General Fund, unless Council waives such reversion by a 7/8 vote prior to the date  
27      in which the funds are scheduled to revert.
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1       **SECTION FOUR. WAIVING 12 N.N.C. §§ 820(E), (F), (J), and (L)**

2       The Navajo Nation waives 12 N.N.C. §§820(E), (F), (J) and (L) to allow UUFB funds to  
3       be used for OMNN’s recurring expenditures for FY2026.

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5       **SECTION FIVE. EFFECTIVE DATE**

6       This Action shall become effective in accordance with 2 N.N.C. §§ 221(B) and 164(A)(17).

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8       **SECTION SIX. SAVING CLAUSE**

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