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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Resources and Development, Budget and Finance and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending Resolution CO-43-24; Granting LGA Certified Chapters the Authority to Expend Funds**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0090-26

**DATE:** April 24, 2026

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, BUDGET AND FINANCE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING RESOLUTION CO-43-24; GRANTING LGA CERTIFIED CHAPTERS THE AUTHORITY TO EXPEND FUNDS**

**PURPOSE:** This proposed of this proposed resolution is to amend CO-43-24 that will grant LGA Certified Chapter the authority to expend funds.

**FINAL AUTHORITY:** Navajo Nation Council

**VOTE REQUIREMENT:** Simple Majority

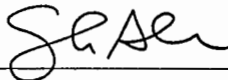
**This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review the proposed resolution in detail.**

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Resources & Development Committee  
Thence  
Budget & Finance Committee  
Thence  
Naabik'iyáti' Committee  
Thence  
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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12 FINANCE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION  
13 COUNCIL; AMENDING RESOLUTION CO-43-24; GRANTING LGA CERTIFIED  
14 CHAPTERS THE AUTHORITY TO EXPEND FUNDS

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16 BE IT ENACTED:

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18 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 19 A. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo  
20 Nation Council with oversight authority over Chapter activities, and economic and  
21 community development on the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 500 (A) and 500 (C).  
22 B. The Budget and Finance Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation  
23 Council and has the authority to review and recommend to the Council the budgeting,  
24 appropriation, investment and management of all funds. 2 N.N.C. §§ 300 (A) and 301  
25 (B)(2).  
26 C. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council  
27 with the authority to hear all proposed resolutions that require final action by the  
28 Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9) and 700 (A).  
29 D. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §  
30 102(A).

1       **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 2       A. On November 6, 2024, Resolution CO-43-24 was signed into law by the Navajo  
3       Nation President, which established an expenditure plan for funds intended to support  
4       senior citizen centers across the Navajo Nation.
- 5       B. The Navajo Nation Council recognizes that senior citizen centers provide essential  
6       services to elders which include meals, wellness activities, social services, and  
7       community support, which are vital to the health and well-being of Navajo elders.
- 8       C. Many Navajo Nation Chapters have achieved Local Governance Act (“LGA”)  
9       certification, demonstrating their administrative and financial capacity to manage  
10      funds, implement projects, and carry out programs in accordance with Navajo Nation  
11      laws and policies.
- 12     D. Despite the approval of the funds under Resolution CO-43-24, LGA certified chapters  
13      currently lack explicit authority to directly expend these funds, which has delayed the  
14      implementation of projects and improvements for senior citizen centers.
- 15     E. The Navajo Nation finds that allowing LGA certified chapters to expend funds from  
16      their approved expenditure plans will promote efficiency, strengthen local decision-  
17      making, and ensure that funds are utilized in a timely manner for the benefit of the  
18      Navajo people.
- 19     F. The funds identified in Resolution CO-43-24 do not revert; however, the Navajo  
20      Nation Council finds that timely expenditure is necessary to ensure that senior citizen  
21      centers receive needed improvements, services, and resources without unnecessary  
22      administrative delay.
- 23     G. Through Resolution No. KY26-11-024, attached as **Exhibit A**, Kayenta Chapter  
24      requests the Navajo Nation Division of Community Development enter into a sub-  
25      recipient agreement for the Design and build of the Kayenta Senior Center, which  
26      aligns with the purpose of this legislation.
- 27     H. The Navajo Nation Council further finds that authorizing LGA certified chapters to  
28      expend funds pursuant to their approved expenditure plans will expedite project  
29      implementation, improve service delivery to senior citizens, and advance the Navajo  
30      Nation’s commitment to supporting elders.

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2 **SECTION THREE. AMENDING RESOLUTION CO-43-24**

3 The Navajo Nation hereby amends CO-43-24, at Section Four, Five, and Six, as follows:  
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6 **SECTION FOUR. APPROVING \$148,681,632.40 FROM THE SÍHASIN FUND TO**  
7 **THE DIVISION OF ~~AGING AND LONG-TERM CARE~~ SUPPORT**  
8 **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR OTHER CHAPTER SENIOR CENTER**  
9 **PROJECTS**

10 A. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 2505(A), the Navajo Nation hereby approves  
11 \$148,681,632.40 from the Síhasin Fund for the Division of ~~Aging and Long-Term~~  
12 ~~Care Support~~ Community Development for other Chapter Senior Center Projects  
13 listed in the attached **EXHIBITS D-E**.

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15 H. If requested, DCD may transfer individual Chapter Project funds, accountability,  
16 and responsibility to a LGA certified chapter pursuant to a Memorandum of  
17 Agreement or other form of grant agreement executed pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §  
18 164(B), as amended.

19 I. LGA certified chapters that have been granted Síhasin Fund project funds and  
20 responsibilities, shall account for the money spent and such accounting or  
21 expenditure report, including project status, shall be submitted to DCD, the Office  
22 of the President and Vice-President, and the Resources and Development  
23 Committee on a quarterly basis.

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25 **SECTION FIVE. APPROVING \$35,471,787 TO THE DIVISION OF**  
26 **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR DEFICIENCIES AND UPGRADES TO**  
27 **SENIOR CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE NAVJAO NAVAJO NATION**

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9           **SECTION SIX. DIRECTIVE**

10          A. As a condition of receiving the Síhasin funds approved herein, DCD and ~~DALTCS~~  
11          shall submit written reports, and verbal reports if so requested, explaining the ongoing  
12          status of the Síhasin Funds approved herein and their expenditures. The written  
13          reports shall be provided to the Budget and Finance Committee, Health, Education,  
14          and Human Services Committee, the Resources and Development Committee, and the  
15          Naabik'íyáti' Committee by the end of each Fiscal Year Quarter until all approved  
16          Síhasin funds are exhausted.

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19          **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

20          This Action shall become effective in accordance with 2 N.N.C. §221(B).

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22          **SECTION FIVE. SAVING CLAUSE**

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