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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Budget and Finance and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$150,00 from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance ("UUFB") for the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors to Fund Expenses Associated with its Duties and Responsibilities in Preparing the 2025 Navajo Nation Council Reapportionment Plan and Preparing for Conducting the 2026 Navajo Nation General Election; Waiving 12 N.N.C. § 820(E), § 820(F), § 820 (J), and § 820(L)

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0094-26

DATE: April 22, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING \$150,000 FROM THE UNRESERVED, UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE ("UUF") FOR THE NAVAJO BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS TO FUND EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN PREPARING THE 2025 NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN AND PREPARING FOR CONDUCTING THE 2026 NAVAJO NATION GENERAL ELECTION; WAIVING 12 N.N.C. §820(E), §820(F), §820(J), AND §820(L)

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, would allocate \$150,000 from the Unreserved. Undesignated Fund Balance for the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors to fund expenses associated in preparing the 2025 Navajo Nation Council Reapportionment Plan and preparing for conducting the 2026 Navajo Nation General Election.

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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1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
2 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2026

3 Introduced by:

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6 (Prime Sponsor)

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10 AN ACTION

11 RELATING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'
12 COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING \$150,000
13 FROM THE UNRESERVED, UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE (“UUFb”) FOR
14 THE NAVAJO BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS TO FUND EXPENSES
15 ASSOCIATED WITH ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN PREPARING THE
16 2025 NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN AND PREPARING
17 FOR CONDUCTING THE 2026 NAVAJO NATION GENERAL ELECTION;
18 WAIVING 12 N.N.C. §820(E), §820(F), §820(J), AND §820(L)

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20 BE IT ENACTED:

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22 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 23 A. The Budget and Finance Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation
24 Council and has the authority to review and recommend to the Council the
25 budgeting, appropriation, investment and management of all funds. 2 N.N.C. §§
26 300 (A) and 301 (B)(2).
- 27 B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation
28 Council with the authority to hear all proposed resolutions that require final action
29 by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9) and 700 (A).

1 C. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §
2 102(A).

3 D. The Navajo Nation Council “may adopt and approve supplemental appropriations
4 to the Annual Comprehensive Budget during the fiscal year. Supplemental
5 appropriations of General Funds within the current fiscal year are permitted, if and
6 when additional sources of revenues above and beyond the initial or current
7 revenue projections are projected and which are also in excess of the reserve
8 amount set forth at § 820(J).” 12 N.N.C. § 820(L).

9 E. The restrictions on supplemental appropriations, including all amounts from the
10 UUFb, include:

11 1. Payment of recurring government operating expenses shall be from recurring
12 revenues, and payment of nonrecurring expenses shall be from nonrecurring
13 revenues such as UUFb funds. 12 N.N.C. § 820(E), § 820(F).

14 2. Specifically, the UUFb shall not be used for recurring government
15 expenditures or operations. 12 N.N.C. § 820(J), § 820(L).

16 3. Nonrecurring revenues such as UUFb funds may be used only after the
17 Controller determines whether or not such revenues are subsidizing an
18 imbalance between the Navajo Nation’s recurring revenues and expenditures,
19 and government expenditures shall only be authorized if a long-term (3-year
20 to 5-year) forecast shows that the operating deficit will not continue;
21 otherwise, nonrecurring revenues will be added to the Unreserved,
22 Undesignated Fund Balance. 12 N.N.C. § 820(F).

23 4. The above provisions in Title 12 may be amended or waived by a two-thirds
24 vote of the full Navajo Nation Council. 12 N.N.C. § 820(F).

25 5. In compliance with 12 N.N.C. § 820(F), all UUFb funding requests must be
26 reviewed by the Controller. Such review is also required because the
27 Controller determines which revenues and expenses are recurring and which
28 are non-recurring. 12 N.N.C. § 820(L).

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1 6. In compliance with 12 N.N.C. § 820(B) and (M), all UUFB funding requests
2 must be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) for a
3 budget impact analysis.

4 7. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 820(N)(4), UUFB appropriations revert to the
5 General Fund at the end of the fiscal year unless the Navajo Nation Council
6 waives such reversion by a 7/8 vote.

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8 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

9 A. The Navajo Board of Elections Supervisors (“NBOES”) is requesting \$150,000 in
10 supplemental funding from the UUFB to met expenses associated with its duties
11 and responsibilities in preparing the 2025 Navajo Nation Council Reapportionment
12 Plan and preparations for conducting the 2026 Navajo Nation General Election.

13 B. The NBOES has provided the required Navajo Nation budget forms, along with the
14 Appendix J - Supplemental Funding Proposal Summary. Budget Forms are
15 attached as **Exhibit A**.

16 C. The Office of the Controller provided a memorandum as required by 12 N.N.C.
17 §820(L), indicating that the proposed expenditures are *recurring*. The Controller’s
18 Memo is attached as **Exhibit B**.

19 D. The Office of Management and Budget provided its memorandum as required by
20 12 N.N.C. §820(M). The OMB Memo is attached as **Exhibit C**.

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22 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL OF \$150,000 FROM THE UUFB FOR THE**
23 **NAVAJO BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS TO FUND EXPENSES**
24 **ASSOCIATED WITH ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN PREPARING**
25 **THE 2025 NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN AND**
26 **PREPARING FOR CONDUCTING THE 2026 NAVAJO NATION GENERAL**
27 **ELECTION**

28 A. The Navajo Nation hereby approves supplemental appropriation in the amount of
29 \$150,000 from the UUFB to meet expenses associated with its duties and
30 responsibilities in preparing the 2025 Navajo Nation Council Reapportionment

1 Plan and preparations for conducting the 2026 Navajo Nation General Election, in
2 accordance with the attached **Exhibit A**.

3 B. This supplemental appropriation approved herein shall be from those funds that
4 exceed the minimum fund reserve balance of the UUFB required by 12 N.N.C. §
5 820(J).

6 C. Upon the effective date of this resolution, the approved UUFB funds shall be
7 promptly transferred into those budget line items listed in the attached **Exhibit A**.

8 D. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. §820(N), any amount of the \$150,000 approved herein that
9 remains unspent or unencumbered at the end of FY 2026 shall revert to the General
10 Fund, unless Council waives such reversion by a 7/8 vote prior to the date in which
11 the funds are scheduled to revert.

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13 **SECTION FOUR. WAIVING 12 N.N.C. §820(E), §820(F), §820(J), and §820(L)**

14 The Navajo Nation waives 12 N.N.C. §820(E), §820(F), §820(J), and §820(L) to allow
15 UUFB funds to be used for NBOES's recurring expenditures for FY 2026.

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17 **SECTION FIVE. EFFECTIVE DATE**

18 This Action shall become effective in accordance with 2 N.N.C. §221(B) and 2 N.N.C.
19 §164(A)(17).

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21 **SECTION SIX. SAVING CLAUSE**

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