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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee; Amending to the Plan of Operation for the Division of Aging and Long Term Care Support; Establishing the Navajo Aging Advisory Commission; Approving the Navajo Aging Advisory Commission Policies and Procedures

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0111-26

DATE: June 8, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE; AMENDING TO THE PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE DIVISION OF AGING AND LONG TERM CARE SUPPORT; ESTABLISHING THE NAVAJO AGING ADVISORY COMMISSION; APPROVING THE NAVAJO AGING ADVISORY COMMISSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, would amend the Plan of Operation for the Division of Aging and Long Term Care within the Navajo Department of Health, establish the Navajo Aging Advisory Commission, and approve the Navajo Aging Advisory Commission Policies and Procedures.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Health Education and Human Services Committee

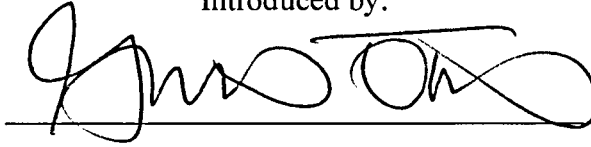
VOTE REQUIRED: Simple Majority

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 Primary Sponsor

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10 AN ACTION

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15 NAVAJO AGING ADVISORY COMMISSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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17 BE IT ENACTED:

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19 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

20 The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee
21 empowered to serve as the oversight for Navajo Department of Health. The Health,
22 Education and Human Services Committee possesses the power to grant final approval
23 for the Plan of Operations, including any amendments, for Navajo Department of Health.
24 2 N.N.C. §§ 400(A), 401(C)(1).

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26 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- 27 A. Navajo Department of Health (NDOH) was established as a Department under the
28 Executive Branch of the NN Government. 2 N.N.C § 1601.
- 29 B. NDOH shall be comprised of such programs, offices and administrative components
30 as may be deemed necessary by the [Executive Director] to fulfill its purposes subject

1 to legislative review and approval of the Department's Plan of Operation. 2 N.N.C §
2 1606. See CO-50-14.

3 C. Resolution HEHSCJA-01-18, attached as **Exhibit A**, approves the NDOH Division of
4 Aging and Long Term Care Support (DALTCS) Plan of Operation.

5 D. Title VI of the Older Americans Act concerns grants to tribal organizations to provide
6 nutrition, supportive and caretaker services for Native Americans. 42 U.S.C. Chap.
7 35. Under the Act, such services "help to reduce the need for costly institutional care
8 and medical interventions, are responsive to the cultural diversity of Native American
9 communities and represent an important part of the community's comprehensive
10 services." See, www.acl.gov.

11 E. Further, the Older Americans Act states that an area plan shall establish an advisory
12 council composed of older individuals to advise continuously the area agency on
13 aging on all matters relating to the development of the area plan, the administration of
14 the plan and operations conducted under the plan. 42 U.S.C. 3026(a)(6)(D).

15 F. Resolution CD-82-18, which would have established the Navajo Nation Council on
16 Aging within the Office of the Navajo Nation President and Vice President (OPVP)
17 was vetoed by the Navajo Nation President. In the President's Memorandum
18 explaining the reasons for vetoing CD-82-18 it stated that an aging advisory
19 commission would be more efficient within the NDOH rather than OPVP.

20 G. NDOH and DALTCS have determined there is a need to establish the Navajo Aging
21 Advisory Commission (NAAC) within the NDOH and under DALTCS to comply
22 with the Older Americans Act.

23 H. The NAAC will assist in advising the DALTCS to develop in providing community-
24 based services for all Navajo elders in the Navajo Nation.

25 I. The NAAC will advocate for Elders living on the Navajo Nation to receive all
26 available benefits and services to which they are entitled, and that these services are
27 provided in a manner which preserves their dignity, self-respect and cultural identity.

28 J. DALTCS proposes to amend its Plan of Operation, as attached in **Exhibit B**, to add
29 the NAAC.
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1 K. To establish NAAC, DALTCS has drafted the Navajo Aging Advisory Commission
2 Policies and Procedures attached as **Exhibit C**.

3 L. Executive Official Review 026526 revised DALTCS Plan of Operation has been
4 completed with reviewers marking the revisions as legally sufficient and is attached
5 as **Exhibit D**.

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7 **SECTION THREE. APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO PLAN OF OPERATION**
8 **FOR THE DIVISION OF AGING AND LONG TERM CARE SUPPORT AND**
9 **ESTABLISHING THE NAVAJO AGING ADVISORY COMMISSION**

10 The Navajo Nation, through the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee,
11 approves the amendments to the Division of Aging and Long Term Care Support Plan of
12 Operation, as provided in **Exhibit B**.

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14 **SECTION FOUR. APPROVING THE NAVAJO AGING ADVISORY**
15 **COMMISSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

16 The Navajo Nation, through the Health, Education and Human Services Committee,
17 approves the Navajo Aging Advisory Commission Policies and Procedures attached as
18 **Exhibit C**.