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LEGISLATION NO: _0137-26_

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TITLE: An Action Relating the Health, Education and Human Services and Naabik'iyáti' Committees; Approving a Tribal Resolution Supporting the Navajo Epidemiology Center's Application of Indian Health Services, Department of Health and Human Services Cooperative Agreement Grant in the Amount of \$3,500,000.00 for the Budget Period Beginning September 30, 2026 Through September 29, 2031 and Accepting Any Other Subsequent Funding in Accordance with the 5-Year Plan Up to September 29, 2031 to Continue Developing the Navajo Nation's Disease Surveillance System and Identifying its Highest Priority Health Status Objective Based on Epidemiologic Data

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0137-26

DATE: June 22, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; APPROVING A TRIBAL RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NAVAJO EPIDEMIOLOGY CENTER'S APPLICATION OF INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,500,000.00 FOR THE BUDGET PERIOD BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29, 2031 AND ACCEPTING ANY OTHER SUBSEQUENT FUNDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 5-YEAR PLAN UP TO SEPTEMBER 29, 2031 TO CONTINUE DEVELOPING THE NAVAJO NATION'S DISEASE SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM AND IDENTIFYING ITS HIGHEST PRIORITY HEALTH STATUS OBJECTIVE BASED ON EPIDEMIOLOGIC DATA

PURPOSE: This legislation, if approved, provides the Navajo Epidemiology Center with a tribal resolution, which is required for a Navajo Epidemiology application for an Indian Health Service Epidemiology Program for American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes and Urban Indian Communities 5-year cooperative agreement grant.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Naabik'íyáti' Committee

VOTE REQUIRED: Simple Majority

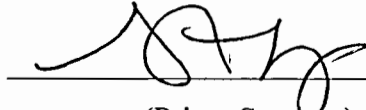
This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

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Eligible for Action: 06-29-26

Health Education & Human Services Committee
Thence
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Fourth Year, 2026

Introduced By:


(Prime Sponsor)

Tracking No. 0137-26

AN ACTION

RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; APPROVING A TRIBAL RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING THE NAVAJO EPIDEMIOLOGY CENTER'S APPLICATION OF
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SERVICES COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$3,500,000.00 FOR THE BUDGET PERIOD BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026
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HEALTH STATUS OBJECTIVE BASED ON EPIDEMIOLOGIC DATA

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and is empowered to represent the Navajo Nation at local, state and federal levels, in coordination with the President of the Navajo Nation and the Naabik'iyáti' Committee, on proposed legislation, funding and other actions affecting

1 health, environmental health, social services, education, veteran's services,
2 employment, training and labor. 2 N.N.C. §§ 400(A), 401(B)(7).

- 3 B. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and
4 is empowered to coordinate all federal, county, and state programs with other standing
5 committees and branches of the Navajo Nation government to provide the most efficient
6 delivery of services to the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700(A), 701(A)(4).

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8 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 9 A. The Navajo Department of Health (NDOH) is established as a Department under the
10 Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation Government, and is comprised of programs
11 offices and administrative components needed to fulfill the Department's Plan of
12 Operation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 1601 and 1606.

- 13 B. The Navajo Epidemiology Center (NEC), under the Navajo Department of Health,
14 serves as a Public Health Authority under the Indian Health Care Improvement Act
15 (IHCIA) for purposes of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
16 (HIPAA).

- 17 C. The Navajo Epidemiology Center was established in 2005 to manage Navajo Nation's
18 public health information systems, investigate diseases and injuries of concern, provide
19 data and reports to help health programs effectively manage programs, respond to
20 public health emergencies, and coordinate these activities with other public health
21 authorities. NEC's primary objectives are data collection, analysis and interpretation,
22 health surveillance; disease control and prevention, and data sharing.

- 23 D. The Indian Health Service announced the Notice of Funding Opportunity,
24 Epidemiology Program for American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes and Urban
25 Indian Communities, Funding Announcement type: New, Announcement Number:
26 HHS-2026-IHS-EPI-0001, attached as **Exhibit A**.

- 27 E. NEC is applying for a 5-year cooperative agreement grant which is due on July 13,
28 2026. The complete Epidemiology Program for American Indian and Alaska Native
29 Tribes and Urban Indian Communities application requires the submission of an
30 approved Tribal Resolution in support of the 5-year cooperative agreement.

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2 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL OF A TRIBAL RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE**
3 **NAVAJO EPIDEMIOLOGY CENTER 5-YEAR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**
4 **GRANT APPLICATION FOR EPIDEMIOLOGY PROGRAM FOR AMERICAN**
5 **INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE TRIBES AND URBAN INDIAN COMMUNITIES**

6 The Navajo Nation hereby approves a Tribal Resolution supporting the Navajo
7 Epidemiology Center's 5-year cooperative agreement grant application for the Indian
8 Health Service Epidemiology Program for American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes and
9 Urban Indian Communities.
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