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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Approving the Navajo Nation's Written Comments Submitted for the United States Department of Health and Human Services Annual Tribal Budget Consultation

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0164-26

DATE: June 30, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION'S WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ANNUAL TRIBAL BUDGET CONSULTATION

PURPOSE: This legislation, if approved, would formally approve the Navajo Nation's written comments submitted to the United States Department of Health and Human Services for the 2026 Annual Tribal Budget Consultation and affirm the Navajo Nation's healthcare funding and policy priorities.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Naabik'íyáti' Committee

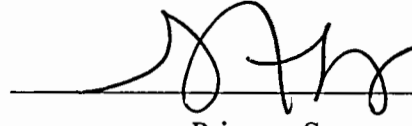
VOTE REQUIRED: Simple Majority

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

Introduced By:


Primary Sponsor

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WHEREAS:

- A. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council empowered to coordinate all request for information, appearances, and testimony related to proposed county, state, and federal legislation impacting the Navajo Nation.
2. N.N.C. §§ 700 (A) and 701 (A)(6).
- B. The Navajo Nation Council, as the governing body of the Navajo Nation, is entrusted with the responsibility to safeguard the interest, rights, and traditions of the Navajo people. 2 N.N.C. § 102 (A).
- C. The Navajo Nation is a sovereign Tribal Nation with a government-to-government relationship with the United States, as recognized under the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Navajo Tribe of Indians, June 1, 1868, 15 U.S. Stat 667, and has an enrolled membership of over 420,000.
- D. The United States Department of Health and Human Services conducts an Annual Tribal Budget Consultation to receive recommendations from Tribal Nations

1 regarding federal healthcare funding priorities, program administration, and policy
2 matters impacting Tribal communities.

3 E. The United States Department of Health and Human Services Annual Tribal Budget
4 Consultation was held in Washington, D.C. on April 21–22, 2026, providing Tribal
5 Nations the opportunity to submit formal written recommendations concerning
6 federal healthcare appropriations and policy priorities as presented in the Dear Tribal
7 Leader Letter dated February 4, 2026, attached as **Exhibit A**.

8 F. The Navajo Nation prepared written comments for submission to the United States
9 Department of Health and Human Services Annual Tribal Budget Consultation,
10 which underwent Executive Official Review No. 026608 and were approved through
11 the Navajo Nation Department of Health on April 16, 2026, the Navajo Nation
12 Department of Justice on April 20, 2026, and the Office of the President and Vice
13 President on April 22, 2026, attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

14 G. Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren signed the Navajo Nation’s written comments
15 on April 22, 2026, included in **Exhibit B**.

16 H. The Navajo Nation’s written comments identify critical federal healthcare priorities,
17 including advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service, mandatory
18 appropriations for the Indian Health Service, full funding for healthcare facility
19 construction and maintenance, recruitment and retention of Tribal healthcare
20 professionals, increased funding for water and wastewater infrastructure, full funding
21 for the Indian Health Service, ensuring that any Indian Health Service realignment
22 efforts preserve the Navajo Area as a distinct service region and do not consolidate
23 Navajo services with the Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service or the
24 Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service, and opposing federal or state Medicaid
25 funding reductions that would negatively impact healthcare services available to
26 Navajo citizens.

27 I. The Navajo Nation recognizes that sustained federal investment in healthcare
28 infrastructure, workforce development, and healthcare services remains critical to
29 fulfilling the federal trust responsibility owed to the Navajo Nation and its people.
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1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

- 2 A. The Navajo Nation hereby approves the Navajo Nation's written comments submitted
3 to the United States Department of Health and Human Services for the Annual Tribal
4 Budget Consultation held on April 21–22, 2026, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
- 5 B. The Navajo Nation further affirms that the Navajo Nation's federal healthcare
6 priorities include advance appropriations and mandatory appropriations for the Indian
7 Health Service, full funding for healthcare facility construction and maintenance,
8 recruitment and retention of Tribal healthcare professionals, increased funding for
9 water and wastewater infrastructure, full funding for the Indian Health Service,
10 preservation of the Navajo Area as a distinct service region in any Indian Health
11 Service realignment efforts, and opposition to federal or state Medicaid funding
12 reductions that would negatively impact healthcare services available to Navajo
13 citizens.
- 14 C. The Navajo Nation hereby supports continued advocacy efforts to protect and
15 advance healthcare funding, healthcare infrastructure, and healthcare services for the
16 Navajo Nation and its citizens through federal consultation and intergovernmental
17 engagement.
- 18 D. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Navajo Nation President, Navajo Nation
19 Vice-President, and the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council and their designees to
20 take all steps necessary to advocate for the Navajo Nation's position with respect to
21 this resolution.
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