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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0186-26

DATE: July 29, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; AMENDING THE PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE NORTHERN NAVAJO NATION FAIR BOARD

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, would amend the Northern Navajo Nation Fair Board's Plan of Operation.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Resources and Development 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.

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: Johnson

Resources & Development Committee

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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—Fourth Year, 2026

Introduced By:

Primary Sponsor

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AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; AMENDING THE PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE NORTHERN NAVAJO NATION FAIR BOARD

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 500(A). The Committee exercises oversight over Chapter activities and economic and community development. 2 N.N.C. § 500(C).
- B. Section X of the Plan of Operation for the Northern Navajo Nation Fair Board, as adopted and amended by Resolution RDCAU-81-12, provides that the Plan may be amended by the Resources and Development Committee upon the recommendation of the Fair Board

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Northern Navajo Nation Fair was started over one hundred years ago by the community people of the Northern Navajo Nation Agency and is the oldest Tribal fair within the Navajo Nation.

- 1 B. The Advisory Committee of the Navajo Tribal Council confirmed the establishment
2 of the Northern Navajo Nation Fair Board and adopted its Plan of Operation by
3 Resolution ACMA-59-87 on March 10, 1987, seating one representative from each
4 certified chapter of the Northern Navajo Nation Agency to govern the Fair on behalf
5 of the communities that created it.
- 6 C. The Resources and Development Committee amended the Plan of Operation by
7 Resolution RDCAU-81-12 on August 21, 2012, updating the Board's governance
8 structure while preserving the chapter-based representation established in 1987.
- 9 D. On July 23, 2026, the Northern Navajo Nation Fair Board passed Resolution
10 NNNFB-07232026, attached as **Exhibit A**, recommending amendments to its Plan of
11 Operation.
- 12 E. Requiring that each chapter's representative to the Fair Board be an elected official
13 furthers the governance purpose the Board has served since its creation. Elected
14 officials are already accountable to their chapter membership, already owe fiduciary
15 duties to the communities they represent, have demonstrated leadership through the
16 electoral process, bring greater familiarity with governmental budgeting and
17 planning, and provide a stronger communication channel between the Fair Board and
18 the chapters they represent. This amendment is prospective in effect and applies
19 uniformly to all constituent chapters without reference to any individual, chapter, or
20 pending appointment.
- 21 F. The Fair Board's Plan of Operation has not previously addressed meeting decorum,
22 safety, or the Chairperson's authority to respond to safety concerns during Board
23 meetings. The updated Plan of Operation within **Exhibit B** adds a new Section IX,
24 *Meeting Conduct and Safety*, establishing standards of decorum, authorizing the
25 Chairperson to maintain order, remove disruptive individuals, and postpone or
26 reschedule a meeting when the safety of Board members or attendees is reasonably at
27 issue, consistent with the Board's quarterly meeting requirement. Section IX further
28 requires threats to personal safety to be referred to the Navajo Police Department and
29 the Office of the Prosecutor in accordance with 17 N.N.C. §§ 310 and 483.
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2 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

3 The Resources and Development Committee hereby approves **Exhibit B**, the Northern
4 Navajo Nation Fair Board Plan of Operation.
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