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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Resources and Development, and Budget and Finance Committees; Approving a Budget Modification in the Amount of \$42,754,500 to the Navajo Parks and Recreation Department to Improve Tribal Parks Across the Navajo Nation

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0190-26

DATE: August 7, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, AND BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEES; APPROVING A BUDGET MODIFICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,754,500 TO THE NAVAJO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO IMPROVE TRIBAL PARKS ACROSS THE NAVAJO NATION

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, would appropriate \$42,754,500 for the Navajo Parks and Recreation Department for capital improvement projects at various tribal parks and recreation sites across the Navajo Nation.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Budget and Finance 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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Resources & Development Committee
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Budget & Finance Committee

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

Introduced by:

[Signature]
(Prime Sponsor)

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NATION

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Resources and Development Committee is established as a Standing Committee of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight authority over the Navajo Parks and Recreation Department. 2 N.N.C. §§ 600 (A) and 601(C)(1).
- B. The Budget and Finance Committee is established as a Standing Committee of the Navajo Nation Council with the power to coordinate and review all fiscal, financial and investment activities of the Navajo Nation for the benefit of the Navajo People. 2 N.N.C. §§ 300 (A) and 301(B)(5).
- C. The Navajo Parks and Recreation Department Enterprise Fund was established for exclusive use by the Navajo Parks and Recreation Department. The Fund shall be used to facilitate the administration, operation and maintenance of, improvement of, protection and management of tribal parks, monuments and recreational areas,

1 facilities, and other special events under the responsibility of the Navajo Parks and
2 Recreation Department. Budget and Finance Committee Resolution, BFJN-17-20.

3 D. Any change in projected revenue or planned expenditures shall be processed as a
4 budget modification and processed through normal Navajo Nation budget policy and
5 procedures for review and approval of such modifications. Navajo Parks and
6 Recreation Department Enterprise Fund, Fund Management Plan, Section VI (C).

7 E. The Navajo Parks and Recreation Department Enterprise Fund indicates that the
8 committees with legislative oversight over the Enterprise Fund are the Resources and
9 Development Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee. Navajo Parks and
10 Recreation Department Enterprise Fund, Fund Management Plan, Section III.

11 F. A budget modification is an increase or decrease of \$500,000 or more to an existing
12 business unit budget under original approved budget. Such modification requires
13 Oversight Committee approval before the modification can be processed. Navajo
14 Nation Budget Instructions Manual, Fiscal Year 2026, Section 12 (C)(3).

15 16 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

17 A. The Navajo Nation's parks and recreational assets serve important cultural,
18 educational, environmental, and economic functions by preserving significant
19 Navajo cultural and historical resources, promoting outdoor recreation, supporting
20 public health and wellness, and providing opportunities for tourism and economic
21 development.

22 B. Many parks, recreational facilities, visitor amenities, utility systems, roads, trails,
23 campgrounds, and supporting infrastructure throughout the Navajo Nation require
24 repair, renovation, expansion, modernization, or replacement to adequately serve
25 residents and visitors and to ensure safe and reliable operations.

26 C. Investments in park and recreation infrastructure support the Navajo Nation's long-
27 term economic development objectives by enhancing tourism opportunities,
28 increasing visitation, generating revenue, supporting local businesses, and creating
29 employment opportunities for Navajo citizens.

- 1 D. The Navajo Nation recognizes that well-maintained parks and recreational facilities
2 contribute to community wellness, youth engagement, cultural preservation,
3 environmental stewardship, and quality of life for residents throughout the Navajo
4 Nation.
- 5 E. The Navajo Nation further recognizes the need to improve visitor experiences and
6 public access at tribal parks and recreational sites through strategic investments in
7 infrastructure, facilities, equipment, safety improvements, and resource protection
8 measures.
- 9 F. The Navajo Parks and Recreation Department ("NPRD") has identified nine (9)
10 priority projects and capital improvements necessary to address deferred
11 maintenance, improve operational efficiency, enhance public safety, expand
12 recreational opportunities, and protect valuable natural and cultural resources under
13 its management.
- 14 G. NPRD has submitted a memorandum, attached as **Exhibit A**, detailing information
15 regarding the proposed capital improvement projects, including project descriptions,
16 estimated project costs, anticipated expenditures, anticipated project timeline, project
17 locations, and other supporting documentation demonstrating the need for the
18 requested budget modification.
- 19 H. NPRD has requested a budget modification of \$42,754,500 from the Navajo Parks
20 and Recreation Department Enterprise Fund ("Fund") to a new Business Unit.
21 Budget Forms supporting this request are attached as **Exhibit B**.
- 22 I. The Office of Management and Budget, Office of the Controller, and Department of
23 Justice have reviewed the proposed budget modification as part of a Section 164
24 Review, attached as **Exhibit C**, and determined that the proposed budget
25 modification for the Navajo Parks and Recreation Department Enterprise Fund to a
26 New Business unit is sufficient.
- 27 J. The Office of Management and Budget submitted a memorandum dated May 29,
28 2026, attached as **Exhibit D**, indicating the unaudited balance of the Fund as of April
29 30, 2026, is \$99,266,170.
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1 **SECTION THREE. APPROVING A BUDGET MODIFICATION FOR THE**
2 **NAVAJO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF**
3 **\$42,754,500**

4 The Navajo Nation hereby approves the Navajo Parks and Recreation Department
5 Enterprise Fund budget modification to a new Business Unit, in the amount of \$42,754,500,
6 in accordance with **Exhibit B**.

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8 **SECTION FOUR. DIRECTIVES**

9 The Office of the Controller and the Office of Management and Budget are directed to
10 make the modifications to the Navajo Parks and Recreation Department Enterprise Fund,
11 in accordance with the budget documents contained in **Exhibit B**.