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TITLE: **An Action Relating to the Resources and Development and Budget and Finance Committees; Releasing all Stipend Payments to the Administrator of the Estate of the Late Henry Attakai Withheld Pursuant to BFD-55-18**

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0261-26

DATE: October 27, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEES; RELEASING ALL STIPEND PAYMENTS TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE HENRY ATTAKAI WITHHELD PURSUANT TO BFD-55-18

PURPOSE: This proposed resolution will release all stipend payments for the late Henry Attakai to the administrator of the estate of the late Henry Attakai.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Budget and Finance Committee

VOTE REQUIREMENT: Majority Vote

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review the 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:

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RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEES; RELEASING ALL STIPEND PAYMENTS TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE HENRY ATTAKAI WITHHELD PURSUANT TO BFD-55-18

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

A. The Resources and Development Committee serves as the oversight committee of Navajo Nation Chapters. 2 N.N.C. §501(C)(1).

B. The Budget and Finance Committee is charged with receiving and approving audit reports from the Auditor General. 12 N.N.C. §6(A) and 12 N.N.C. §7(D). The Budget and Finance Committee also, "determines what action should be taken" after the follow-up review conducted by the Auditor General and based on any recommendations by the oversight committee. 12 N.N.C. § 7(I).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. The Budget and Finance Committee approved the Whitecone Chapter Corrective Action Plan pursuant to Budget and Finance Committee resolution BFMA-08-17, "Accepting Audit Report 16-28, Special Review of the Whitecone Chapter's Cash

Receipts Activities Submitted by the Office of the Auditor General and Approving the Corrective Action Plan Submitted by the Whitecone Chapter," on March 7, 2017, which is attached as **Exhibit A.**

B. The Budget and Finance Committee imposed sanctions upon the Whitecone Chapter on December 27, 2018, through Resolution BFD-55-18, "Accepting the Follow-Up Review of Whitecone Chapter Corrective Action Plan Implementation and Imposing Sanctions for Not Implementing the Corrective Action Plan." This Resolution is attached as **Exhibit B.**

C. The Office of the Auditor General's Plan of Operation provides, "[o]nce proof of implementation of the Corrective Action Plan is demonstrated, the Auditor General shall immediately report this compliance to the Controller and, where applicable, the chapter government, who shall then release the withheld salary to the director of the program, division, enterprise or entity or to the chapter official." 12 N.N.C. § 9(C).

D. To date, Whitecone has been unable to successfully implement the Corrective Action Plan. As a result, the Auditor General is not able to report its compliance to the Controller.

E. The Chapter Vice-President, the late Mr. Henry Attakai who was sanctioned in 2018, is unable to oversee the implementation of Whitecone Chapter's Corrective Action Plan. As a result, all payments withheld pursuant to Resolution BFD-55-18 shall be returned to the administrator of the estate of the late Henry Attakai.

SECTION THREE. ALL PAYMENTS WITHHELD PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION BFD-55-18 SHALL BE RETURNED TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE HENRY ATTAKAI

The Budget and Finance Committee hereby determines that because the late Mr. Henry Attakai who was sanctioned in 2018 is unable to oversee the implementation of Whitecone Chapter's Corrective Action Plan, all payments withheld pursuant to Resolution BFD-55-18 shall be returned to the administrator of the estate of the late Henry Attakai.

SECTION FOUR. DIRECTIVE TO THE OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER TO RETURN PAYMENTS HELD PURSUANT TO BFD-55-18

The Office of the Controller is directed to release all salary payments withheld pursuant to BFD-55-18 to the the administrator of the estate of the late Henry Attakai at the earliest possible pay cycle after the approval of this legislation.