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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee and Budget and Finance Committee; Recommending and Approving the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget for the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Administration and Related Matters, to be Included in the Navajo Nation's FY2025 Comprehensive Budget**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0169-24

**DATE: July 18, 2024**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; RECOMMENDING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED MATTERS, TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NAVAJO NATION'S FY2025 COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET**

**PURPOSE:** This resolution, if approved, will approve and recommend to the Budget and Finance Committee the Proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Budget for the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Administration.

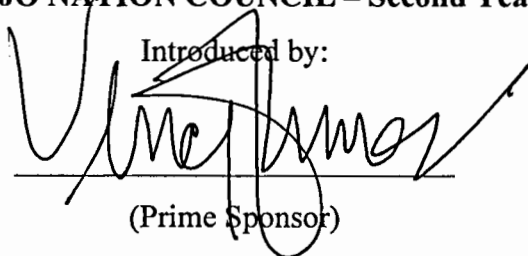
**FINAL AUTHORITY:** Budget and Finance Committee

**VOTE REQUIREMENT:** Simple Majority

**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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1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
2 25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Second Year, 2024

3 Introduced by:  
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6 (Prime Sponsor)

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10 AN ACTION  
11 RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES  
12 COMMITTEE AND BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; RECOMMENDING  
13 AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO  
14 NATION DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED  
15 MATTERS, TO BE INCLUDED  
16 IN THE NAVAJO NATION'S FY2025 COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET

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18 BE IT ENACTED:

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20 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 21 A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the  
22 Navajo Nation Council with oversight authority over the Navajo Nation Department of  
23 Veterans Administration. 2 N.N.C. §400(A) and 2 N.N.C. §401(C)(1).  
24 B. The Budget and Finance Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation  
25 Council authorized to make recommendations to the Council on the budgeting and  
26 management of Navajo Nation funds. 2 N.N.C. § 300(A), § 301(B)(2). The Budget and  
27 Finance Committee is specifically authorized to make recommendations to the Council  
28 regarding the Navajo Nation's annual Comprehensive Budget for each Fiscal Year. 12  
29 N.N.C. § 840(A).  
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1 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 2 A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee and the Budget and Finance  
3 Committee held budget meetings and heard reports from Program staff and the Office of  
4 Management and Budget regarding the proposed FY2025 Budget for the Navajo Nation  
5 Department of Veterans Administration. 12 N.N.C. § 840(A).
- 6 B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee, Committee Report shall be  
7 attached as **Exhibit G** and the Budget and Finance Committee, Committee Report shall  
8 be attached as **Exhibit H**.
- 9 C. Per the Navajo Nation Appropriations Act, Oversight Committee budget  
10 recommendations shall not exceed the base planning amounts. 12 N.N.C. § 840(A).
- 11 D. The Budget and Finance Committee finds that approval of the proposed FY2025 Budget  
12 for the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Administration and inclusion of such  
13 Budget in the Navajo Nation’s FY2025 Comprehensive Budget is in the best interest of  
14 the Navajo Nation.

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16 **SECTION THREE. HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
17 **RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THE FISCAL**  
18 **YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**  
19 **ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED MATTERS**

- 20 A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee hereby recommends the FY2025  
21 Budget for the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Administration, as detailed in the  
22 “Fund Type Budget Summary” attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and in the Health,  
23 Education and Human Services Committee’s Report, to be attached as **Exhibit G**.
- 24 B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee hereby approves certain  
25 revisions, if any, to the proposed FY2025 Budget amount for the Navajo Nation  
26 Department of Veterans Administration, as shown in Columns D and E in the “General  
27 Fund Comparative Summary” attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, and in the Health, Education  
28 and Human Services Committee’s Report to be attached as **Exhibit G**.
- 29 C. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee recommends the changes, if any,  
30 to the General Fund Budget described in **Exhibit C**, and in the Health, Education and

1 Human Services Committee's Report to be attached as **Exhibit G**.

2 D. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee recommends certain Conditions  
3 of Appropriation and Legislative Concerns, if any, as listed in **Exhibit D**, and in the  
4 Health, Education and Human Services Committee's Report to be attached as **Exhibit**  
5 **G**.

6 E. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee recommends that certain Unmet  
7 Needs, if any, for the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Administration be included  
8 in the FY2025 Comprehensive Budget, as explained in **Exhibit E**, and in the Health,  
9 Education and Human Services Committee's Report to be attached as **Exhibit G**.

10 F. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee has been presented with the  
11 External Funds Anticipated in FY2025, if any, as listed in **Exhibit F**.

12 G. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee recommends that the Budget and  
13 Finance Committee approve the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Administration  
14 FY2025 Budget and all Committee recommendations as set forth in **Exhibits A-E and**  
15 **Exhibit G**, the Health, Education and Human Services Committee, Committee Report.

16 H. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee hereby authorizes the  
17 Chairwoman and the Vice-Chairman to negotiate with the Budget and Finance  
18 Committee on these recommendations.

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20 **SECTION FOUR. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVING THE**  
21 **FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF**  
22 **VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED MATTERS**

23 The Budget and Finance Committee approves the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans  
24 Administration FY2025 Budget as set forth in **Exhibits A-E** and in the Budget and  
25 Finance Committee's, Committee Report, **Exhibit H**, to serve as the BFC's  
26 recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council for including in the FY2025  
27 Comprehensive Budget.

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29 **SECTION FIVE. DIRECTIVES**

30 A. The Office of Legislative Services shall attach **Exhibit G**, the Health, Education and

1 Human Services Committee's Committee Report, that reflects all amendment(s) made to  
2 this Action (Exhibits and Budget Binder documents) that are approved by the Health,  
3 Education and Human Services Committee and that serve as the Health, Education and  
4 Human Services Committee's recommendations to the Budget and Finance Committee.

5 B The Office of Legislative Services shall attach **Exhibit H**, the Budget and Finance  
6 Committee's Committee Report, that reflects all amendment(s) made to this Action  
7 (Exhibits and Budget Binder documents) as approved by the BFC.

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9 **SECTION SIX. EFFECTIVE DATE**

10 This Action shall become effective as provided in 2 N.N.C. § 189(A).