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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Concurring with the Navajo Nation President's Acceptance of Donations Totaling \$302,000 to the Dine Scholarship Annual Fund for Use by the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0026-25

**DATE:** March 5, 2025

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; CONCURRING WITH THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TOTALING \$302,000 TO THE DINE SCHOLARSHIP ANNUAL FUND FOR USE BY THE OFFICE OF NAVAJO NATION SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**PURPOSE:** This proposed resolution allows the Naabik'iyáti' Committee to concur with the Navajo Nation President's acceptance of donations to the Navajo Nation Scholarship Fund.

**Final Authority:** Naabik'iyáti' 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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13 \$302,000 TO THE DINE SCHOLARSHIP ANNUAL FUND FOR USE BY THE OFFICE  
14 OF NAVAJO NATION SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
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16 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 17 A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council  
18 standing committee, 2 N.N.C. § 700(A).  
19 B. "All Navajo Nation public officials, elected and non-elected, who receive gifts, whether  
20 intended as a gift to the individual official or to the Navajo Nation, shall record or cause  
21 to be recorded such gift with the Ethics and Rules Office." 2 N.N.C. § 1012.  
22 C. "The President of the Navajo Nation shall, for and on behalf of the Navajo Nation, accept  
23 or decline gifts of property, including monetary donations, provided that any such  
24 acceptance or refusal of a gift of an estimated value in excess of one thousand dollars  
25 (\$1,000) shall be with the concurrence of the Naabik'iyáti' Committee." 2 N.N.C. §1010.  
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27 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- 28 A. The Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance ("ONNSFA") has  
29 received two monetary donations, as follows:  
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1           1. \$300,000.00 from the Navajo Indian Scholarship Fund administered by the Edna  
2           Bailey Sussman Fund, and

3           2. \$2,000.00 from William J. Bartley.

4 B. ONNSFA submitted an Executive Official Review packet (“EOR”), attached as **Exhibit**  
5 **A**, containing the EOR review sheet, letters accepting the donations, and budget forms.

6 C. In letters dated May 9, 2024, contained in **Exhibit A**, the Navajo Nation President Buu  
7 Nygren has accepted the donations listed in Paragraph A, above.

8 D. The EOR review sheet indicates all reviews determined the donation to be sufficient.

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10 **SECTION THREE. CONCURRING WITH THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT'S**  
11 **ACCEPTANCE OF THE VARIOUS DONATIONS TO THE ONNSFA**

12 A. Pursuant 2 N.N.C. § 1010, the Naabik’íyáti’ Committee of the Navajo Nation Council  
13 hereby gives its concurrence with the Navajo Nation President's acceptance of donations  
14 to the ONNSFA, as shown in **EXHIBIT A**.

15 B. The donated funds shall be deposited into the appropriate business unit accounts as  
16 instructed by the Office of the Controller.

17 C. All donated funds shall be used for the benefit of Navajo students pursuing their  
18 education and training goals, in accordance with the proposed budgets shown in  
19 **EXHIBIT A**.

20 D. The ONNSFA shall record the receipt of the donation with the Ethics and Rules Office  
21 pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1012.

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23 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

24 This Action shall become effective in accordance with 2 N.N.C. § 189 (A).  
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