

RESOLUTION OF THE
HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
of the 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - FIRST YEAR, 2023

AN ACTION
RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET
AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE
NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED
MATTERS, TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NAVAJO NATION'S
FY2024 COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee ("HEHSC") is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight authority of the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Administration ("NNVA"). 2 N.N.C. §400(A); 2 N.N.C. §401(C)(1).
- B. Each Oversight Committee, including the Health, Education and Human Services Committee, shall review and make recommendations regarding the programs under its oversight responsibility for the Navajo Nation's Comprehensive Budget for the upcoming Fiscal Year. 12 N.N.C. §840(A).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. §840(A), each Oversight Committee, including the Health, Education and Human Services Committee, "shall review and make recommendations to the Budget and Finance Committee concerning the budget[s]" for the Programs they oversee. 12 N.N.C. §840(A) further provides that Oversight Committee recommendations shall not exceed the base planning amounts established in the FY2024 Budget Instructions Manual. The base planning amounts were established by the Budget and Finance Committee Resolution BFJY-15-23.
- B. In accordance with 12 N.N.C. §840(A), the Health, Education and Human Services Committee held public meetings and heard reports from Program staff and the Office of Management and Budget regarding the proposed FY2024 Budget for the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Administration.

- C. During these budget meetings, the Health, Education and Human Services Committee reviewed and considered the proposed FY2024 Budget for the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Administration, as compared to the base planning amounts established in Resolution BFJY-15-23.
- D. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee finds that approval of the proposed FY2024 Budget for the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Administration and inclusion of such Budget in the Navajo Nation's FY2024 Comprehensive Budget is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation.

SECTION THREE. APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED MATTERS

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee hereby approves the FY2024 Budget for the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Administration, as detailed in the "Fund Type Budget Summary" attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
- B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee hereby approves certain revisions to the Branch Chiefs' proposed FY2024 Budget amount for the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Administration, as shown in Columns D and E in the "General Fund Comparative Summary" attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.
- C. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee recommends the changes to the General Fund Budget described in **Exhibit C**.
- D. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee recommends certain Conditions of Appropriation and Legislative Concerns, as listed in **Exhibit D**.
- E. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee recommends that certain Unmet Needs for the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Administration be included in the FY2024 Comprehensive Budget, as explained in **Exhibit E**.
- F. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee hereby recommends that the Budget and Finance Committee approve the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Administration FY2024 Budget and all Committee recommendations, as set forth in **Exhibits A - E**.

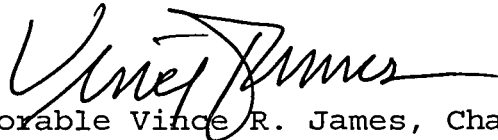
- G. As necessary and appropriate, the Health, Education and Human Services Committee hereby authorizes the Chair and Vice-Chair to negotiate the Health, Education and Human Services Committee recommendations herein with the Budget and Finance Committee.

SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 4 in Favor, and 0 Opposed, on this 10th day of August 2023.

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Honorable Vince R. James, Chairperson
Health, Education and Human Services Committee
25th Navajo Nation Council

Motion by: Helena Nez Begay
Second by: Germaine Simonson

Vince R. James, Chairperson not voting

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Special Budget Meeting
August 10, 2023

Legislation No. 0194-23: An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee; Approving and Recommending to the Budget and Finance Committee the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Administration and Related Matters, to be Included in the Navajo Nation's FY2024 Comprehensive Budget.

Sponsor: Delegate Vince R. James **Co-Sponsor:** Delegate Dr. Andy Nez

VOTE TALLY:

Amendment #1 Motion:

Motion: Honorable George Tolth
Second: Honorable Germaine Simonson

Yea: Andy Nez; Germaine Simonson; George Tolth
Nay:
Not Voting: Vince R. James (Presiding Chairperson)
Excused: Helena Nez Begay
Absent: Curtis Yanito
Vote: 3-0-3

Amendment #2 Motion:

Motion: Honorable George Tolth
Second: Honorable Andy Nez

Yea: Andy Nez; Germaine Simonson; George Tolth
Nay:
Not Voting: Vince R. James (Presiding Chairperson)
Excused: Helena Nez Begay
Absent: Curtis Yanito
Vote: 3-0-3

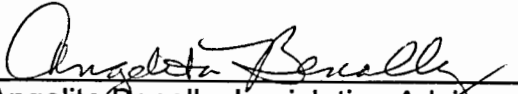
Main Motion:

Motion: Honorable Helena Nez Begay
Second: Honorable Germaine Simonson

Yea: Helena Nez Begay, Andy Nez; Germaine Simonson; George Tolth
Nay:
Not Voting: Vince R. James (Presiding Chairperson)
Excused:
Absent: Curtis Yanito
Vote: 4-0-2



Honorable Vince R. James, Chairperson
Health, Education and Human Services Committee
25th Navajo Nation Council



Angelita Benally, Legislative Advisor
Health, Education and Human Services Committee
Office of Legislative Services