

**RESOLUTION OF THE
LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE OF THE
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - FIRST YEAR, 2023**

AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENDER AND RELATED MATTERS, TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NAVAJO NATION'S FY2024 COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Law and Order Committee ("LOC") is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight authority over the Navajo Nation Office of Public Defender ("Public Defender"). 2 N.N.C. §600(A); 2 N.N.C. §601(C)(1).
- B. Each Oversight Committee, including the Law and Order 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 Law and Order 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 in the FY2024 Budget Instructions Manual (see Resolution No. BFJY-15-23).
- B. In accordance with 12 N.N.C. §840(A), the Law and Order 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 Office of Public Defender.

- C. During these budget meetings, the Law and Order Committee reviewed and considered the proposed FY2024 Budget for the Navajo Nation Office of Public Defender, as compared to the base planning amounts established in the FY2024 Budget Instructions Manual and as recommended by the Office of Management and Budget.
- D. The Law and Order Committee finds that approval of the proposed FY2024 Budget for the Navajo Nation Office of Public Defender 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 OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENDER AND RELATED MATTERS

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

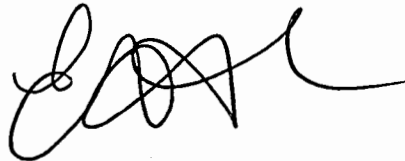
hereby authorizes the Chair and Vice-Chair to negotiate the Law and Order Committee recommendations herein with the Budget and Finance Committee.

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 Law and Order Committee of the 25th Navajo Nation Council 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 02 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 15th day of August 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eugenia Charles-Newton', with a stylized, cursive script.

Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton, Chairwoman
Law and Order Committee

Motioned: Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie
Second : Honorable Steven Arviso

Fiscal Year 2024

The Navajo Nation Recommended Unmet Needs Budgets

EXHIBIT E

Branch:		Executive	Division/Office:	Office of the Public Defender
Business Unit Number	Program Title	Amount of Unmet Need	Explanation of Recommended UNMET NEEDS to the FY 2024 General Fund Budget	
104003	Office of Navajo Public Defender	400,000	Personnel; Fleet; Operating	
TOTAL:		400,000		

**LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE
25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL
Special Meeting
August 15, 2023**

Legislation No. 0178-23: An Action Relating to the Law and Order Committee; Approving and Recommending to the Budget and Finance Committee the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for the Navajo Nation Office of Public Defender and Related Matters, to be included in the Navajo Nation's FY2024 Comprehensive Budget.

Sponsors: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton/Co-Sponsor: Honorable Danny Simpson

CONSENT AGENDA

VOTE TALLY SHEET:

Main Motion:

Motion: Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie

Second: Honorable Steven Arviso

Vote: 2-0-3

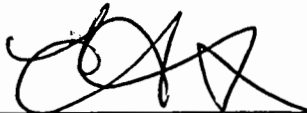
Yea: Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie/Honorable Steven Arviso

Nay: None

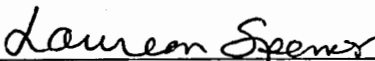
Not Voting: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton/Honorable Herman M. Daniels, Jr.

Excused: Honorable Nathan Notah

Absent: None



Eugenia Charles-Newton, Chairwoman
Law and Order Committee
25th Navajo Nation Council



Laureen Spencer, Legislative Advisor
Office of Legislative Services