# 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 ETHICS AND RULES OFFICE 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 Ethics and Rules Office ("Ethics and Rules Office"). 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 Ethics and Rules Office.
- C. During these budget meetings, the Law and Order Committee reviewed and considered the proposed FY2024 Budget for the

Navajo Nation Ethics and Rules Office, 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 Ethics and Rules Office 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 ETHICS AND RULES OFFICE AND RELATED MATTERS

- A. The Law and Order Committee hereby approves the FY2024 Budget for the Navajo Nation Ethics and Rules Office, 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 Ethics and Rules Office, 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 Ethics and Rules Office 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 Ethics and Rules Office 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton, Chairwoman Law and Order Committee

Motioned: Second : Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie Honorable Steven Arviso

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# The Navajo Nation Fund Type Budget Summary

Branch: Legislative Branch

Division/Office: Ethics and Rules Office

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|---------|---|-------------------------|-----------------|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|---------|
|         | Total   | 669,706                 |                 |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | 669,706 |
|         | Special<br>kevenue Fund<br>- External   | 0                       |                 |   |      | <br> |      | <br> |      |      | 0       |
|         | Special<br>Revenue Fund F<br>Internal   | 0                       | <br>-<br>-<br>- |   |      |      |      | <br> |      | <br> | <br>0   |
|         | Fiduciary Fund Revenue Fund<br>Internal - External                                | 0                       |                 |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | <br>    |
| FY 2024 | Proprietary<br>Fund   | 0                       |                 |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | c       |
|         | External<br>Funds Cash<br>Match   | 0                       |                 |   | <br> | <br> |      |      |      |      | C       |
|         | Personnel<br>Lapse Fund   |                         |                 |   |      |      |      |      |      |      |         |
|         |   | 68,312                  |                 |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | 68 312  |
|         | Proposed<br>General Fund<br>Budget  | 601,394                 |                 |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | 601 394 |
|         | FY 2023 Proposed Indirect Cost<br>General Fund General Fund Fund<br>Budget Budget | 706,047                 |                 |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | 706 047 |
|         | Program Title   | Ethics and Rules Office |                 |   |      |      |      |      |      |      | Total:  |
|         | Business Unit<br>Number   | 101020                  |                 |   |      |      |      |      |      |      |         |

EXHIBIT A

# The Navajo Nation General Fund Comparative Summary

EXHIBIT B Office

|                         |     |   |                         |   | <br>    |
|-------------------------|-----|---|-------------------------|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---------|
| ules Office             | (E) | Plus or Minus \$<br>Difference<br>(Column D - Column C)             | 0                       |   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | 0       |
| Ethics and Rules Office | (a) | Oversight Committee's<br>Recommended FY 2024 General<br>Fund Budget |                         |   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | 0       |
| Division/Office:        | (C) | Branch Chief's<br>Proposed FY 2024<br>General Fund Budget           | 601,394                 |   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | 601,394 |
| Legislative Branch      | (B) | Program Title   | Ethics and Rules Office | - |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | TOTAL:  |
| Branch:                 | (A) | Business Unit<br>Number   | 101020                  |   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |         |

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Branch:

Business Unit Number

101020

| Re<br>Legislative Branch | The Navajo Nation<br>Recommended Changes to the General Fund Budget<br>hth Division/Office: Ethics and Rule | on EXHIBIT<br>eneral Fund Budget<br>Ethics and Rules Office  |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| Program Title            | Explanation of Oversight Committee R<br>(II   | Explanation of Oversight Committee Recommended Changes to the Fiscal Year 2024 General Fund Budget<br>(Increase or Decrease \$ Amount) |
| Ethics and Rules Office  |   |  |
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# The Navajo Nation Recommended Conditions of Appropriations and Legislative Concerns

| Division/Office: Ethics and Rules Office | Brief Narrative of Recommended Condition of Appropriation (COA) or Legislative Concern (LC) |                         |  |  |  |
|--|---|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| Legislative Branch                       | Program Title   | Ethics and Rules Office |  |  |  |
| Branch:                                  | Business Unit<br>Number   | 101020 E                |  |  |  |

**EXHIBIT D** 

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The Navajo Nation Recommended Unmet Needs Budgets

EXHIBIT E

| Ethics and Rules Office | Explanation of Recommended UNMET NEEDS to the FY 2024 General Fund Budget | Funds to cover salary increases (Step Increase; Fringe; Insurance) for 6 Ethics and Rules Office<br>Employees. |                                       |  |  |  |  |  |        |
|-------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--------|
| Division/Office:        | Amount of Unmet<br>Need   | 10,532   |                                       |  |  |  |  |  | 10,532 |
| Legislative Branch      | Program Title   | Ethics and Rules Office  |                                       |  |  |  |  |  | TOTAL: |
| Branch: _               | Business<br>Unit<br>Number  | 101020   | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |  |  |  |  |  |        |

# LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE 25<sup>TH</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL Special Meeting August 15, 2023

Legislation No. 0177-23: 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 Ethics and Rules Office 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 25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

Laureen Spencer, Legislative Advisor

Laureen Spencer, Legislative Advisor Office of Legislative Services