

RESOLUTION
OF THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE
OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - First Year 2015

AN ACTION

RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER; APROVING AND RECOMMEND TO THE
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THE NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF
HEARINGS AND APPREALS FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET

BE IT ENACTED;

SECTION ONE. Findings

- A. The Navajo Nation Council gave their Law and Order Committee oversight over the Navajo Nation Office of Hearing and Appeals, 2 N.N.C. § 601 (C) (I).
- B. The Navajo Nation Council gave their Law and Order Committee power "(t)o review, amend, recommend and submit:" the Navajo Nation Office Hearing and Appeals' Fiscal Year 2016 annual budget to the Budget and Finance Committee and the Navajo Nation Council 2 N.N.C. § 601 (B) (15) and 2 N.N.C. § (840) (A).
- C. The Navajo Nation President recommended the proposed Navajo Nation Office of Healing and Appeals' Fiscal Year 2016 Budget to the Law and Order Committee which is provided on the Fund Type Budget Summary, EXHIBIT A. 12 N.N.C. § 830 (I).
- D. The Law and Order Committee held a budget hearing and took budget testimony regarding the Navajo Nation Office of Ethics and Rules' Fiscal Year 2016 Budget. 12 N.N.C. § 840 (A).

SECTION TWO - APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING

- A. The Law and Order Committee approves the Navajo Nation Office of Hearing and Appeals' Fiscal Year 2016 Budget. EXHIBIT A.

- B. The Law and Order Committees request the Budget and Finance Committee and the Navajo Nation Council adopt the Navajo Nation Office of Hearing and Appeals' Fiscal Year 2016 Budget, as set forth in the General Fund Comparative Summary, EXHIBIT B, and Recommended Changes to the General Fund Budget forms, EXHIBIT C.
- C. The Law and Order Committee authorize the Committee Chairman or Vice-Chairman to meet and negotiation with the Budget and Finance Committee on these recommendations.
- D. The Law and Order Committee adopted an amendment to recommend to the Budget and Finance Committee to fully consider and support the Navajo Nation Office of Hearing and Appeals Unmet Needs (Attached Form E).

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Law and Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting a Navajo Nation Council Chambers, Window Rock, (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed, this 13th day of August 2015.



Hon. Edmund Yazzie, Chairperson
Law and Order Committee

Motion: Hon. Otto Tso
Second: Hon. Jonathan Perry

A quorum of 5 members present

The Navajo Nation Fund Type Budget Summary

EXHIBIT A

The Navajo Nation General Fund Comparative Summary

Division: Office of Hearings and Appeals

(A) Business Unit Number	(B) Program Title	(C) Branch Chiefs Proposed FY 2016 General Fund Budget	(D) Oversight Committee's Recommended FY 2016 General Fund Budget	(E) Plus or minus \$ difference (Column D minus C)
103004	Office of Hearings and Appeals	\$ 348,508	493,534	145,026
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TOTAL:		348,508	493,534	145,026

The Navajo Nation Fund Type Budget Summary

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The Navajo Nation General Fund Comparative Summary

Division: Office of Hearings and Appeals

EXHIBIT B

Fiscal Year 2016

**The Navajo Nation
Recommended Unmet Needs Budgets**

Branch: Executive Branch

Division: Office of Hearings and Appeals

(A) Business Unit Number	(B) Program Title	(C) Amount of Unmet Need	(D) Explanation of Recommended UNMET NEEDS to the Fiscal Year 2015 General Fund Budget
103004	Office of Hearings and Appeals	145,026	Operating Cost is not covered for FY16. A request for additional fund is needed. No funding will affect the daily operation of the office and staff duties.
			Additional Hearing Officers and Legal Secretaries are needed to provide assistance to the current case load.
			The current staff are overloaded and cannot cover all agencies when Chief Hearing Officer is needed to attend administrative duties for the office and at the request of the Office of the President/Vice President. An order of maintenance and balance of the office, a request to decentralize into the Tuba City and Shiprock agency will help in providing local service to the Navajo Nation.
			Current Staff:
			1. Chief Hearing Officer
			1. Hearing Officer
			1. Legal Secretary
			1. Administrative Assitant
	TOTAL:	145,026	