

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET
Tracking No. 0191-17

DATE: May 22, 2017

SUBJECT: AN ACT RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER, HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, BUDGET AND FINANCE, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO 12 N.N.C. § 1176 OF THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS TRUST FUND

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to approve amendment to 12 N.N.C. § 1176 of the Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund to increase the amount of income available for expenditure.

NOTE: Amendments to 12 N.N.C § 1176 may be made upon recommendation of the Health, Education and Human Service Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee by a majority vote of the full membership of the Navajo Nation Council in accordance with 12 N.N.C. § 1178.

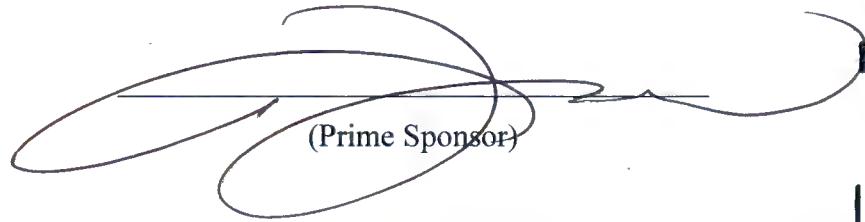
This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate review the proposed resolution in detail.

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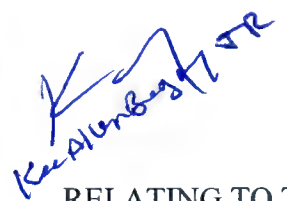
PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Third Year, 2017

INTRODUCED BY




(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0191-17



AN ACT



RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER, HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, BUDGET AND FINANCE, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO 12 N.N.C. § 1176 OF THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS TRUST FUND

BE IT ENACTED:

Section One. Authority

- A. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and is as such is empowered to review and make recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council on proposed amendments to and enactments to the Navajo Nation Code. 2 N.N.C. §500 (A) and §500(C)(1).
- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and as such serves as the oversight authority for veterans services. 2 N.N.C. §400 (A) and §400(C)(8).
- B. The Budget and Finance Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and exercises oversight authority over budget and finance for the purposes of recommending to the Navajo Nation Council the adoption of resolutions designed to strengthen the fiscal and financial position of the Navajo Nation and to promote the

1 efficient use of the fiscal and financial resources of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 300
2 (A) and 300 (C)(3).

3 C. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. A
4 proposed resolution that requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council shall be
5 assigned to the standing committee having authority over the subject matter at issue and
6 the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164(A)(9) and 700(A).

7 D. The Navajo Nation Council must review and approve enactments or amendments of
8 positive law. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164(A).

9 E. Amendments to 12 N.N.C § 1176 may be made upon recommendation of the Health,
10 Education and Human Service Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee by a
11 majority vote of the full membership of the Navajo Nation Council. 12 N.N.C. § 1178.
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13 **Section Two. Findings**

14 A. The needs of Navajo veterans have increased since the Navajo Nation Veterans Trust
15 Fund was created through Navajo Nation Council Resolution CJY-46-98.

16 B. Resolutions in support of this amendment have been approved by the five Navajo
17 Agency Veterans Organizations. These supporting resolutions are attached as **Exhibits A**
18 **through E.**

19 C. Supporting resolutions have also been approved by Casamero Lake Chapter and
20 Tsayatoh Chapter Veterans Organization. These supporting resolutions are attached as
21 **Exhibits F and G.**
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23 **Section Three. Amendments to Title 12**

24 The Navajo Nation amends the Navajo Nation Code 12 N.N.C. § 1176, as follows:
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26 **NAVAJO NATION CODE ANNOTATED**
27 **TITLE 12. FISCAL MATTERS**
28 **CHAPTER 10. NAVAJO NATION TRUST FUNDS**
29 **SUBCHAPTER 8. NAVAJO NATION VETERANS TRUST FUND**
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2 **§ 1176. Expenditure of Trust Fund**

3 The Fund income shall not be expended, except as in §1177, from Fiscal Year 1998 to
4 Fiscal Year 2003. From Fiscal Year 2004, the Fund income shall be expended as follows:
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6 A. ~~Four~~ Ten percent (~~4%~~) (10%) of the average market value of the Fund covering the
7 past three fiscal years will be used as supplemental funding for programs and services
8 to benefit veterans, as noted under § 1172 on an annual basis. The market value of the Fund
9 at the end of the previous 12 quarters will be used to determine the average market value of
10 the Fund at the end of the previous 12 quarters will be used to determine the average
11 market value of the Fund for expenditures (i.e. budget purposes). The excess of the Fund
12 income over expenditures shall be reinvested in the Fund to cover the rate of inflation and
13 to provide for reasonable Fund growth.
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15 B. Tribal grants to non-tribal government programs and projects shall be awarded in
16 accordance with rules and regulations developed by the Department of Navajo Veterans
17 Affairs, in consultation with the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the
18 Navajo Nation Council and, if required, the Navajo Nation Council.
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20 C. Of the ~~four~~ ten percent (~~4%~~) (10%) of the Fund (Market Value), ninety-five percent
21 (95%) of the proceeds will be used for subsections (A) and (B) of this Section and five
22 percent (5%) will be used for administrative purposes, and this be reviewed further by
23 the Office of Management and Budget and the Program.
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25 Except as provided at §1177, all Trust Fund income distribution shall be determined
26 pursuant to all eligible Navajo veterans and distributed among those applicable Navajo
27 Nation chapters to be expended in accordance with § 1172 of this Plan.
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Section Four. Codification

The provisions of the Act which amend or adopt new sections of the Navajo Nation Code shall be codified by the Office of Legislative Counsel. The Office of Legislative Counsel shall incorporate such amended provisions in the next codification of the Navajo Nation Code.

Section Five. Saving Clause

Should any provision of this Act be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation, without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, the remainder of the Act shall remain the law of the Navajo Nation.

Section Six. Effective Date

The provisions of this Act shall become effective in accordance with 2 N.N.C. § 221(B).



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 (Contact Number: 505/786-2030)



George H. Tolth, Interim-Commander Raphael Martin, Vice-Commander Jerry Whiterock, Secretary/Treasurer

ENA-A-2017-0018

Resolution of the Eastern Navajo Agency Veterans Organization

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORTING OF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO INCREASE (NNVA TRUST FUND) THE EARNED INCOME INTEREST RATE FROM FOUR PER-CENT TO TEN PER-CENT

Whereas:

1. Pursuant to CJA – 3- 16, the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee was given oversight responsibilities over the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration and the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council. The committee was further authorized to approve plans of operation for these entities, respectively. 2N.N.C. § 1034, and
2. Pursuant to the Health, Education & Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Government, the Eastern Navajo Agency Veterans Organization was sanctioned and certified as a sub-division of the Navajo Nation Government to serve in the best interest of the local Navajo people, including Veterans surviving spouses and dependents, and Gold Stars Mothers; and
3. The Eastern Navajo Agency Veterans Organization is an established and certified as a Chapter Veterans Organization pursuant to the Health, Education & Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Government, which is vested with authority to review and coordinate the function of its community Chapter Veterans Organization; and
4. The Eastern Navajo Agency Veterans Organization is duly recognized by the thirty-one (31) Chapters with a Plan of Operation to address the issues, concerns and advocate for the Eastern Navajo Agency Veterans Organization; and
5. The Eastern Navajo Agency Veterans Organization and membership had their regular monthly meeting on February 09, 2017, at Tsayatoh Chapter house, during this meeting the Honorable Delegate Seth Damon of the Budget & Finance Chairperson informed the Eastern Navajo Agency Veterans Organization, that he is proposing a legislation to increase the earned income interest rate from four per-cent to ten per-cent with Navajo Nation Veterans Allowable expenditures.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Eastern Navajo Agency Veterans Organization and membership respectfully approves and supports the Honorable Delegate Seth Damon of the Budget & Finance Chairperson proposing a legislation to increase the earned income interest rate from four per-cent to ten per-cent with Navajo Nation Veterans Allowable expenditures.
2. The Eastern Navajo Agency Veterans Organization and membership will be lobbying with other Navajo Nation Council Delegates to support Mr. Seth Damon initiative, which required two-third of the Navajo Nation Council total votes to approve the legislation.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was considered by a duly called meeting of the Eastern Navajo Agency Veterans Organization, at Casamero Lake Chapter House, New Mexico (Navajo Nation) at which the same was approved by a vote of 39 in favor and 0 opposed, this 09th day of March, 2017.

Motion by: Henry Long
Seconded by: Lester Emerson

George H. Tolth, Interim Commander
Eastern Navajo Agency Chapters Veterans Organization

EXHIBIT
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**CHINLE AGENCY VETERANS ORGANIZATION
 AGENCY MEETING**

RESOLUTION

CNVO-02017-3

SUPPORTING RESOLUTION CN-55-06; AMENDING THE VETERANS TRUST FUND, BY AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL INCREASE 6% AND TRANSFER OF A TOTAL OF 10% OF ALL PROJECTED REVENUES OF THE NAVAJO NATION TO THE VETERANS TRUST FUND

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to The Navajo Nation Veterans Act; Title II, Section One (E,I,M,N,O,R,T); SS 1032 (B-5,9,10), The Central Navajo Veterans Organization is duly recognized by the Navajo Nation through resolution of the Veterans Agency; and
2. Pursuant to Navajo Nation Council Resolution CMA-25-71; The Navajo Veterans were recognized and an Navajo Nation Veterans Administration was established under the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation Government- Office of the President and Vice President of the Navajo Nation; and
3. The Central Navajo Veterans Organization is duly recognized by the Navajo Nation with a Plan of Operation to address the issues, concerns and advocate for all Navajo Veterans; and
4. The Central Navajo Veterans Organization recognizes and acknowledges that it is entrusted to strive toward unification of all Navajo Nation Veterans and Local Leadership to provide leadership and coordinate with the needs of the veterans; and
5. In 1942, the Navajo Nation Council passed a resolution to aid and defend the United States against all subversive and assisted in the United States Selective Services Board to draft the eligible Navajo to serve in the United States Armed Services and reaffirm allegiance to the United States and expression of patriotism; and
6. The Central Navajo Veterans Organization recognizes, understands and acknowledges is supporting and recommending an increase of the earned income interest rate from four percent (4%) to ten percent (10%) of the Navajo nation veterans trust fund to go towards the Navajo Nation Veterans Services and Programs to expand the benefits and services; and
7. The Central Navajo Veterans Organization recognizes, understands and acknowledges that an additional 6% annual increase will be \$5,274,529.50; and
8. The Central Navajo Veterans Organization recognizes, understands and acknowledges that ninety-six percent (96%) will be reinvested back into the principal; and
9. The Central Navajo Veterans Organization recognizes, understands and acknowledges that the annual increase be distributed for upcoming Fiscal Year 2018; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:



**CHINLE AGENCY VETERANS ORGANIZATION
AGENCY MEETING**

1. The Central Navajo Veterans Organization supports Resolution CN-55-06; Amending the Veterans Trust Fund, by authorizing an annual increase 6% and transfer of a total of 10% of all projected revenues of the Navajo Nation to the Veterans Trust Fund.
2. It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation Government and Veterans Organization to support the amendments to this legislation.

C-E-R-T-I-F-I-C-A-T-I-O-N

The Central Navajo Veterans Organization hereby Certifies the Foregoing Resolution that was considered at a duly called meeting in Ganado Chapter, Ganado, Arizona (Navajo Nation) and that same was approved and passed with a vote of 12 in Favor; 0 Opposed and 1 abstained on the 24th day of March 2017.

Motioned: Anslem Thompson

Seconded: Paul Jones

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anderson Tullie", is written over a horizontal line.

Anderson Tullie, Commander
Central Navajo Veterans Organization



**FORT DEFIANCE AGENCY VETERANS ORGANIZATION
AGENCY MEETING**

P.O. Box 430

Window Rock, Arizona, 86515

Phone: (928) 871-6413 Fax: (928) 871-7288.

Commander: Olin T. Kieyoomia

Vice Commander: Ryan Sandoval

Secretary: Clara Williams

RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING RESOLUTION CN-55-06; AMENDING THE VETERANS TRUST FUND, BY AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL INCREASE 6% AND TRANSFER OF A TOTAL OF 10% OF ALL PROJECTED REVENUES OF THE NAVAJO NATION TO THE VETERANS TRUST FUND

FD- No. 004

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to The Navajo Nation Veterans Act; Title II, Section One (E,I,M,N,O,R,T); SS 1032 (B-5,9,10), The Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Organization is duly recognized by the Navajo Nation through resolution of the Veterans Agency; and
2. Pursuant to Navajo Nation Council Resolution CMA-25-71; The Navajo Veterans were recognized and an Navajo Nation Veterans Administration was established under the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation Government- Office of the President and Vice President of the Navajo Nation; and
3. The Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Organization is duly recognized by the Navajo Nation with a Plan of Operation to address the issues, concerns and advocate for all Navajo Veterans; and
4. The Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Organization recognizes and acknowledges that it is entrusted to strive toward unification of all Navajo Nation Veterans and Local Leadership to provide leadership and coordinate with the needs of the veterans; and
5. In 1942, the Navajo Nation Council passed a resolution to aid and defend the United States against all subversive and assisted in the United States Selective Services Board to draft the eligible Navajo to serve in the United States Armed Services and reaffirm allegiance to the United States and expression of patriotism; and
6. The Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Organization recognizes, understands and acknowledges is supporting and recommending an increase of the earned income interest rate from four percent (4%) to ten percent (10%) of the Navajo nation veterans trust fund to go towards the Navajo Nation Veterans Services and Programs to expand the benefits and services; and
7. The Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Organization recognizes, understands and acknowledges that an additional 6% annual increase will be \$5,274,529.50; and
8. The Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Organization recognizes, understands and acknowledges that ninety-six percent (96%) will be reinvested back into the principal; and
9. The Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Organization recognizes, understands and acknowledges that the annual increase be distributed for upcoming Fiscal Year 2018; and



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Commander: Olin T. Kleyoomia

Vice Commander: Ryan Sandoval

Secretary: Clara Williams

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. SUPPORTING RESOLUTION CN-55-06; AMENDING THE VETERANS TRUST FUND, BY AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL INCREASE 6% AND TRANSFER OF A TOTAL OF 10% OF ALL PROJECTED REVENUES OF THE NAVAJO NATION TO THE VETERANS TRUST FUND
2. It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation Government and Veterans to support the amendments to this legislation.

C-E-R-T-I-F-I-C-A-T-I-O-N

The Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Hereby Certifies the Foregoing Resolution that was Considered at a Regular Duly Called Meeting in Ganado Chapter, Ganado, Arizona (Navajo Nation) and that same was approved and passed with a vote of 42 in Favor; 00 Opposed and 02 Abstain on the 27th day of February 2017.

Motioned: Eugene Atcity- Fort Defiance Veterans Org.

Seconded: George Clark- Indian Wells Veterans Org.

**Olin T. Kleyoomia- Commander
Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Organization**



WESTERN AGENCY VETERANS ORGANIZATION
AGENCY MEETING

RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING RESOLUTION CN-55-06; AMENDING THE VETERANS
TRUST FUND, BY AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL INCREASE 6% AND
TRANSFER OF A TOTAL OF 10% OF ALL PROJECTED REVENUES OF
THE NAVAJO NATION TO THE VETERANS TRUST FUND

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to The Navajo Nation Veterans Act; Title II, Section One (E,I,M,N,O,R,T); SS 1032 (B-5,9,10), The Western Agency Veterans Organization is duly recognized by the Navajo Nation through resolution of the Veterans Agency; and
2. Pursuant to Navajo Nation Council Resolution CMA-25-71; The Navajo Veterans were recognized and an Navajo Nation Veterans Administration was established under the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation Government- Office of the President and Vice President of the Navajo Nation; and
3. The Western Agency Veterans Organization is duly recognized by the Navajo Nation with a Plan of Operation to address the issues, concerns and advocate for all Navajo Veterans; and
4. The Western Agency Veterans Organization recognizes and acknowledges that it is entrusted to strive toward unification of all Navajo Nation Veterans and Local Leadership to provide leadership and coordinate with the needs of the veterans; and
5. In 1942, the Navajo Nation Council passed a resolution to aid and defend the United States against all subversive and assisted in the United States Selective Services Board to draft the eligible Navajo to serve in the United States Armed Services and reaffirm allegiance to the United States and expression of patriotism; and
6. The Western Agency Veterans Organization recognizes, understands and acknowledges is supporting and recommending an increase of the earned income interest rate from four percent (4%) to ten percent (10%) of the Navajo nation veterans trust fund to go towards the Navajo Nation Veterans Services and Programs to expand the benefits and services; and
7. The Western Agency Veterans Organization recognizes, understands and acknowledges that an additional 6% annual increase will be \$5,274,529.50; and
8. The Western Agency Veterans Organization recognizes, understands and acknowledges that ninety-six percent (96%) will be reinvested back into the principal; and
9. The Western Agency Veterans Organization recognizes, understands and acknowledges that the annual increase be distributed for upcoming Fiscal Year 2018; and



WESTERN AGENCY VETERANS ORGANIZATION
AGENCY MEETING

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:


1. SUPPORTING RESOLUTION CN-55-06; AMENDING THE VETERANS TRUST FUND, BY AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL INCREASE 6% AND TRANSFER OF A TOTAL OF 10% OF ALL PROJECTED REVENUES OF THE NAVAJO NATION TO THE VETERANS TRUST FUND
2. It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation Government and Veterans to support the amendments to this legislation.

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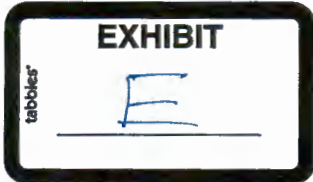
The Western Agency Veterans Hereby Certifies the Foregoing Resolution that was Considered at a Regular Duly Called Meeting at Twin Arrows, Leupp, Arizona (Navajo Nation) and that same was approved and passed with a vote of 14 in Favor; 0 Opposed and 0 Abstain on the 17th day of March 2017.

Motioned: Jefferson Begay

Seconded: Lee F. Johnson



Gilbert Chee - Commander
Western Agency Veterans Organization



RESOLUTION NORTHERN AGENCY VETERANS ORGANIZATION

SUPPORTING RESOLUTION CN-55-06; AMENDING THE VETERANS TRUST FUND, BY AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL INCREASE 6% AND TRANSFER OF A TOTAL OF 10% OF ALL PROJECTED REVENUES OF THE NAVAJO NATION TO THE VETERANS TRUST FUND

Whereas:

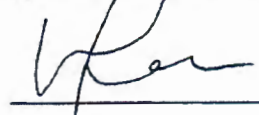
1. Pursuant to Navajo Nation Veterans Act, Title 11 section One [E, I, M, N, O, R, T] SS 10322 [B-5, 9, 10] The Northern Agency Veterans Organization is a duly recognized organization by the Navajo Nation Government as listed as CMA-25-71; and
2. Pursuant to Veterans Act, enabling legislation CJA-3-16 Northern Agency Veterans Organization is vested with the authority to review issues take appropriate corrective actions and recommend to Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council for further development; and
3. The Northern Agency Veterans Organization is supporting and recommending an increase of the earned income interest rate from four percent (4%) to ten percent (10%) of the Navajo nation veterans trust fund to go towards the Navajo Nation Veterans Services and Programs to expand the benefits and services; and
4. The Northern Agency Veterans Organization understands that an additional 6% annual increase will be \$5,274,529.50; and
5. The Northern Agency Veterans Organization understands that ninety-six percent (96%) will be reinvested back into the principal; and
6. The Northern Agency Organization recommends that the annual increase be distributed for upcoming Fiscal Year 2018; and

Therefore, be It Resolved:

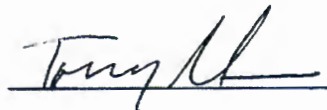
1. The Northern Agency Veterans Organization's position is that this amendment does not significantly affect or changes the original intent of the appropriation and/or Veterans Trust Fund reinvestment; and
2. Every Yes or no Vote counted by the Commanders and or representative is a reflection of individual representation of that Navajo Chapter Veterans Organization from which the commander and or representative represents.

CERTIFICATION

WE, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Northern Agency Veterans Organization are a duly called meeting in Shiprock (Navajo Nation), NM at which a quorum of Northern Agency Veterans Organization members was present and that at the same **PASSED BY A VOTE OF 47 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 2 ABSTAINED ON THIS 18TH DAY OF MARCH 2017 WITH A MOTION BY Harrison Todacheenie, Shiprock AND SECONDED BY Charles Wilson, Aneth.**



Vern R. Lee, Commander



Tommy Sandman, Vice-Commander



Candice Pioche-Zunie, Advisory Council

Wallace Charley, Veteran Service Officer



Irving Gleason, Secretary



Casamero Lake Chapter Veterans Organization
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George H. Tolth, *Commander*

Vernell Capitan, *Vice-Commander*

Juanita B. Tolth, *Secretary/Treasurer*

Resolution of the Casamero Lake Chapter Veterans Organization

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORTING OF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO INCREASE (NNVA TRUST FUND) THE EARNED INCOME INTEREST RATE FROM FOUR PER-CENT TO TEN PER-CENT

Whereas:

1. Pursuant to CJA – 3- 16, the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee was given oversight responsibilities over the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration and the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council. The committee was further authorized to approve plans of operation for these entities, respectively. 2N.N.C. § 1034, and
2. Pursuant to the Health, Education & Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Government, the Eastern Navajo Agency Veterans Organization was sanctioned and certified as a sub-division of the Navajo Nation Government to serve in the best interest of the local Navajo people, including Veterans surviving spouses and dependents, and Gold Stars Mothers; and
3. The Casamero Lake Chapter Veterans Organization is an established and certified as a Chapter Veterans Organization pursuant to the Health, Education & Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Government, which is vested with authority to review and coordinate the function of its community Chapter Veterans Organization; and
4. The Casamero Lake Chapter Veterans Organization and membership had their regular monthly meeting on March 02, 2017, at Casamero Lake Chapter House, during this meeting the Honorable Delegate Seth Damon of the Budget & Finance Chairperson informed the Eastern Navajo Agency Veterans Organization, that he is proposing a legislation to increase the earned income interest rate from four per-cent to ten per-cent with Navajo Nation Veterans Allowable expenditures.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Casamero Lake Chapter Veterans Organization and membership respectfully approves and supports the Honorable Delegate Seth Damon of the Budget & Finance Chairperson proposing a legislation to increase the earned income interest rate from four per-cent to ten per-cent with Navajo Nation Veterans Allowable expenditures.
2. The Casamero Lake Chapter Veterans Organization and membership will be lobbying with other Navajo Nation Council Delegates to support Mr. Seth Damon initiative, which required two-third of the Navajo Nation Council total votes to approve the legislation.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was considered by a duly called meeting of the Casamero Lake Chapter Veterans Organization, at Casamero Lake Chapter House, New Mexico (Navajo Nation) at which the same was approved by a vote of 13 in favor and 0 opposed, this 02th day of March, 2017.

Motion by: Mrs. Lillie Mescal
Seconded by: Mr. Bobby Platero

George H. Tolth, Commander
Casamero Lake Chapter Veterans Organization

Russell Begay
President
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Council Delegate



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Vice Commander
Jayne Long
Secretary/Treasurer

SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED AMENDEMENTS TO THE INCREASE THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS TRUST FUND EARNED INCOME INTEREST RATE FROM 4% TO 10%

RESOLUTION No : TSA-001-17

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to Tsayatoh Chapter Resolution, the Tsayatoh Veterans Organization is duly recognized by the Tsayatoh Chapter Resolution TSA-01-98 to meet the Safety, Welfare, and Health of the Tsayatoh Veterans Organization, and
2. Pursuant to Navajo Nation Council Resolution CJA-3-16; The Navajo Veterans were recognized and the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration was established under the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation Government – Office of the President and Vice President of the Navajo Nation, and
3. The Tsayatoh Veterans Organization recognizes and acknowledges that it is entrusted to strive toward unification of all Navajo Nation Veterans and Local Leadership to provide leadership and coordinate with the needs of the Veterans, and
4. In 1942, the Navajo Nation Council passed a resolution to aid and defend the United States against all subversive and assisted in the United States Selective Services Board to draft the eligible Navajo to serve in the United States Armed Services and reaffirm allegiance to the United States and expression of patriotism, and
5. The Tsayatoh Veterans Organization recognizes, understands and acknowledges the following amendments to the Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund; and
6. The Tsayatoh Veterans Organization recognizes, understands and acknowledges the need for responsibility and accountability in regards to financial and structural for the Tsayatoh Community Veterans; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. That, the Tsayatoh Veterans Organization supports Amendments to the established Veterans Trust Fund pursuant to Navajo Nation Council Resolution CJY-46-98; and
2. The Tsayatoh Veterans Organization Supports the Increase with an Additional Recommendation of 6% (plus the current 4%) to go towards Navajo Nation Veteran Services & Programs to expand the benefits and services, and
3. The Tsayatoh Veterans Organization supports proposed Amendments to increase the Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund Earned Income Interest Rate from 4% to 10%.

Russell Begay
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WE, HEREBY CERTIFY that the forgoing Resolution was duly considered by the Tsayatoh Veterans Organization at a duly meeting at Tsayatoh Chapter, New Mexico (Navajo Nation) at which a quorum was present and that same was approved and passed with a vote of 10 in Favor; 0 Opposed and 4 Abstained, on the 6th day of March, 2017.

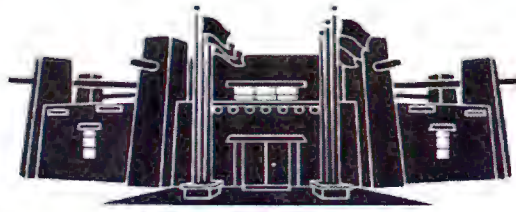
MOTION: Ben Peters

SECONDED: Charlie Thomas

Henry Long
Commander

Arthur
Vice - Commander

Jayne Long
Secretary / Treasure



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Seth Damon
The 23rd Navajo Nation Council

FROM: Kristen Lowell
Kristen Lowell, Attorney
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: May 22, 2017

SUBJECT: AN ACT RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER, HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, BUDGET AND FINANCE, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO 12 N.N.C. § 1176 OF THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS TRUST FUND

As requested, I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. Based on a review of the existing law and the documents submitted, the legislation is legally sufficient; however, as with any action of government it may be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge. Please ensure that this resolution is precisely what you want.

The Office of Legislative Counsel confirms the appropriate standing committee(s) based on the standing committees powers outlined in 2 N.N.C. §§301, 401, 501, 601 and 701. Nevertheless, "the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall introduce [the proposed resolution] into the legislative process by assigning it to the respective oversight committee(s) of the Navajo Nation Council having authority over the matters for proper consideration." 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(5).

If the proposed resolution is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like made to the proposed resolution.

THE NAVAJO NATION
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW PUBLICATION



LEGISLATION NO: _0191-17__

SPONSOR: Seth Demon

TITLE: An Action Relating To Law And Order, Health, Education And Human Services, Budget And Finance, And NAABIK'IYATI' Committees, And The Navajo Nation Council Approving Amendments To 12 N.N.C. § 1176 Of The Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund

Date posted: May 24, 2017 at 4:15 PM

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**THE NAVAJO NATION
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW SUMMARY**

LEGISLATION NO.: 0191-17

SPONSOR: Honorable Seth Damon

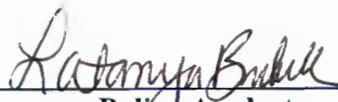
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Posted: May 24, 2017 at 4:15 pm

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Digital Comments received:

Comments Supporting	<i>1. Northern Agency Veterans</i>
Comments Opposing	<i>None</i>
Inclusive Comments	<i>None</i>



Policy Analyst
Office of Legislative Services

5/30/17 8:40am

Date/Time

0191-17

vernlee@aol.com

Sat 5/27/2017 7:42 AM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Good Morning,

The Northern Agency Veterans Organization (NAVO) consisting of 19 Navajo Chapters approved, supports and recommends the approval of Legislation 0191-17. As of today, we have more young Navajo Warriors joining the United States Military Forces out patriotisms, seeking jobs, a better way of life, education, and this increases the Navajo Veterans. The more Navajo Veterans we have, the more money is needed to extend the benefits. We asked you, our leaders to approve this legislation.

Thank you

Vern R. Lee

Northern Agency Veterans Org. Commander

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Posted: May 24, 2017 at 4:15 pm

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Comments Supporting	<i>1. Jeff Begay, Commander – Naatsis'aaan Veteran's Organization</i>
Comments Opposing	<i>None</i>
Inclusive Comments	<i>None</i>



Policy Analyst
Office of Legislative Services
 6/6/17 3:03pm

Date/Time

Legislation 191-17

JL Begay <rezblldr@gmail.com>

Wed 5/31/2017 3:46 PM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

On behalf of the Naatsis'aan Veteran's Organization, a Chapter veterans organization, I hereby inform you that the veterans from Navajo Mountain, fully support this amendment to increase the Veteran's Trust Fund. A Nation whose contribution by its warriors in times of war, even before they were considered citizens of their own Country, should be acknowledged and shown appreciation by their tribal government. Our warriors still serve and continue to bring pride and honor to our Navajo Nation. Please vote for this amendment approval.

Respectfully,

Jeff Begay, Commander
Naatsis'aan Veteran's Organization

**LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE
23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

THIRD YEAR 2017

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker,

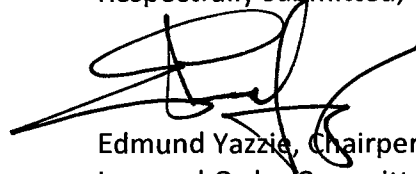
The **LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE** to whom has been assigned:

Legislation No. 0191-17: An Act Relating to the Law and Order, Health, Education and Human Services, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyati' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council Approving Amendments to 12 N.N.C. § 1176 of the Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund – Sponsors: Hon. Seth Damon/Hon. Tom Chee

Has had it under consideration and reports the same with the recommendation that it **DO PASS** with no amendment

And thereafter referred to Health, Education & Human Services Committee

Respectfully submitted,



Edmund Yazzie, Chairperson
Law and Order Committee
23rd Navajo Nation Council

Date: May 30, 2017

Main Motion: Honorable Otto Tso
Second : Honorable Herman M. Daniels
Vote : 3-0 (Chairperson not voting)

Committee Report

THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL to who has been assigned;
ON

LEGISLATION NO. 0191-17

AN ACT RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, BUDGET AND FINANCE, AND NAABIK'IYTATI COMMITTEES, AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO 12 N.N.C. § 1176, OF THE NAVAJO NATION TRUST FUND

Sponsor: Honorable Seth Damon

Co-Sponsors: Honorable Kee Allen Begay; Honorable Tom Chee

Directive: Issued to Hubert Smith, Acting Executive Director, Navajo Nation Veterans Administration for an update report to HEHSC on Housing Construction, 6B Rollout, Status of 2% funds as to earning interest amounts and an update on the COA to Veterans.

Has had under consideration and report the same with the recommendation that Legislation 0191-17 PASS with no amendment and One (1) directive; And therefore referred the same to the BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

Respectfully Submitted,



Jonathan L. Hale, Chairperson
Health, Education and Human Services Committee

Dated: June 12, 2017

Main Motion

Motion by: Honorable Norman M. Begay

Seconded by: Honorable Steven Begay

Vote: 5 in favor; 0 Opposed; Chairperson Not Voting

23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

Third Year 2017

Mr. Speaker:

The **BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE** to whom has been assigned

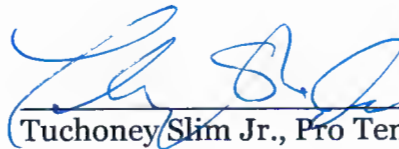
NAVAJO LEGISLATIVE BILL # 0191-17:

An Act Relating to the Law and Order, Health, Education and Human Services, Budget and Finance, and Naabikiyati Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council Approving Amendments to 12 N.N.C. §1176 of the Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund *Sponsored by Seth Damon, Council Delegate*

has had it under consideration and reports the same with the recommendation that It **Do Pass** without amendment.

And therefore, referred to the **NAABIKIYATI** Committee

Respectfully submitted,



Tuchoney Slim Jr., Pro Tem Chairman

Adopted:  Legislative Advisor

Not Adopted: _____
Legislative Advisor

20 June 2017

The vote was **3** in favor **0** opposed

Motion: Tom T. Chee

Second: Seth A. Damon

Absent: Lee Jack Sr., Dwight Witherspoon

**23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE REPORT
Third Year 2017**

The NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE to whom has been assigned:

NAVAJO LEGISLATIVE BILL #0191-17

An Act Relating to the Law and Order, Health, Education and Human Services, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'íyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council Approving Amendments to 12 N.N.C. § 1176 of the Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund

Sponsored by: Honorable Seth Damon

Co-Sponsored by: Honorable Tom Chee

Co-Sponsored by: Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.

Co-Sponsored by: Honorable Raymond Smith, Jr.

Has had it under consideration and reports the same **WAS PASSED WITH ONE AMENDMENT AND REFERRED TO THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

Respectfully Submitted,



*Honorable LoRenzo C. Bates, Chairman
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE*

22 JUNE 2017

AMENDMENT #1:

On Page 3, Line 6, insert the words: "Up to" 10%; then on line 7 after the words "fiscal years" insert the following language: ", but not to exceed 80% of the fund income over expenditures of the past 3 fiscal years or 12 quarters average."

Motioned by: Honorable Dwight Witherspoon

Seconded by: Honorable Benjamin L. Bennett

Vote: 15 in Favor, 03 Opposed (Chairman Bates Not Voting)

MAIN MOTION:

Motioned by: Honorable Herman M. Daniels

Seconded by: Honorable Raymond Smith, Jr.

Vote: 19 in Favor, 00 Opposed (Chairman Bates Not Voting)

**23rd Navajo Nation Council
Naabik'iyati' Committee**

Date: June 22, 2017

Amendment # 1 Legislation No. 0191-17

Motion: Dwight Witherspoon

Second: Benjamin L. Bennett

ALL DELEGATES:

	Yea	Nay
BATES, LoRenzo		
BEGAY, Kee Allen Jr.	✓	
BEGAY, Norman M.	✓	
BEGAY, Steven		✓
BEGAYE, Nelson		
BENNETT, Benjamin L.	✓	
BROWN, Nathaniel		✓
CHEE, Tom T.	✓	
CROTTY, Amber K.	✓	
DAMON, Seth	✓	
DANIELS, Herman	✓	
FILFRED, Davis		
HALE, Jonathan L.	✓	
JACK, Lee Sr.		
PERRY, Jonathan	✓	
PETE, Leonard H.	✓	
PHELPS, Walter	✓	
SHEPHERD, Alton Joe		
SLIM, Tuchoney Jr.	✓	
SMITH, Raymond Jr.	✓	
TSO, Otto	✓	
TSOSIE, Leonard		✓
WITHERSPOON, Dwight	✓	
YAZZIE, Edmund		

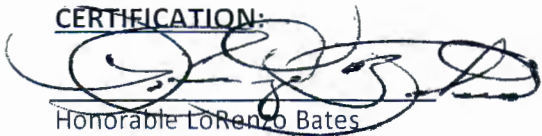
BY COMMITTEE:

	Yea	Nay	TOTAL
BFC:			
CHEE, Tom T.			
DAMON, Seth			
JACK, Lee Sr.			
SLIM, Tuchoney Jr.			
WITHERSPOON, Dwight			
TSOSIE, Leonard			
HEHSC:			
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LOC:			
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RDC:			
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SHEPHERD, Alton Joe			
SPEAKER:			
BATES, LoRenzo			
<i>(Votes only in a tie)</i>			

GRAND TOTAL

15 | 3

CERTIFICATION:



Honorable LoRenzo Bates
Speaker

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23rd Navajo Nation Council
Naabik'iyati' Committee

Date: June 22, 2017

Legislation No. 0191-17

Motion: Herman Daniels

Second: Raymond Smith, Jr.

ALL DELEGATES:

	Yea	Nay
BATES, LoRenzo		
BEGAY, Kee Allen Jr.	✓	
BEGAY, Norman M.	✓	
BEGAY, Steven	✓	
BEGAYE, Nelson	✓	
BENNETT, Benjamin L.	✓	
BROWN, Nathaniel	✓	
CHEE, Tom T.	✓	
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DANIELS, Herman	✓	
FILFRED, Davis		
HALE, Jonathan L.	✓	
JACK, Lee Sr.		
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PHELPS, Walter	✓	
SHEPHERD, Alton Joe		
SLIM, Tuchoney Jr.	✓	
SMITH, Raymond Jr.	✓	
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CERTIFICATION:

Honorable LoRenzo Bates
Speaker