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Navajo Nation Council approves $8,160,618 from Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance to support Legislative and Executive Branch operations

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — On Wednesday, the 25th Navajo Nation Council unanimously approved $8.1 million from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance (UUFB) to sustain essential Legislative and Executive Branch operations for the current fiscal year. The supplemental funding addresses critical gaps resulting from President Buu Nygren's line-item vetoes that eliminated vast amounts of operational funding within the FY26 Comprehensive Budget.

"The President's line-item vetoes to Navajo Nation Council Resolutions CS-44-25 and CS-45-25 have left the Legislative Branch unable to operate without additional funding and jeopardized the employment of many legislative employees," said legislation sponsor Speaker Crystalyne Curley.

Legislation No. 0261-25 authorizes a total appropriation of $8,160,618, including $6,781,735 for Legislative Branch operations and $1,378,883 for shortfalls within the Executive Branch programs. The supplemental funding will support core functions across the Legislative Branch, including the Navajo Nation Council, the Office of the Speaker, the Office of Legislative Counsel, the Office of Legislative Services, the Navajo Youth Advisory Council, Legislative District Assistants, and the standing committees.

Executive Branch programs that will receive funding include Administrative Service Centers, Division of Human Resources, Office of Navajo Labor Relations, Department of Personnel Management, Water Resources (Technical and Construction), Water Resources (Operation and Maintenance), and the Office of the Navajo Public Defender.

Speaker Curley emphasized the Council's responsibility to keep government services functioning for the Navajo people.

"This funding ensures that essential government operations remain stable and responsive despite the disruptions caused by the President's vetoes," she said. "The Navajo people expect continuity, accountability, and leadership. Today's action reflects our commitment to maintaining the services our communities rely on every day."

Legislation No. 0261-25 was unanimously approved on the consent agenda with a vote of 19 in favor and none opposed. The Office of the President and Vice President will have up to ten calendar days to act on the resolution.

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