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TITLE: An Action Relating To Health, Education And Human Services And Budget And Finance; Accepting Auditor General's Special Review (Audit Report) Of Navajo Nation Department Of Veteran's Affairs And Approving Corrective Action Plan Submitted By Navajo Nation Department Of Veterans Affairs

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0127-15

DATE: April 15, 2015

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND BUDGET AND FINANCE; ACCEPTING AUDITOR GENERAL'S SPECIAL REVIEW (AUDIT REPORT) OF NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND APPROVING CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN SUBMITTED BY NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

PURPOSE: This bill, if approved, will accept the Navajo Nation Auditor General's audit report (special review) concerning the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Affairs. Further, the bill, if approved, will accept the Corrective Action Plan submitted by the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Affairs (essentially a response to the audit conducted).

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 to review each proposed resolution in detail.

C. The Navajo Nation Office of Auditor General is responsible for conducting audits of Navajo Nation programs, among other responsibilities. 12 N.N.C. §2.

D. The Navajo Nation Office Auditor General conducted an audit of the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Affairs. This audit is attached hereto as *Exhibit "A,"* designated as Report No. 15-09, entitled *A Special Review of the Department of Navajo Veterans Affairs, Ft. Defiance Agency,* and dated January 14, 2015. On March 25, 2015, the Department of Navajo Veterans Affairs submitted its *Corrective Action Plan.* See attached *Exhibit "B."* On March 27, 2015, the Office of Auditor General submitted request for legislation on the acceptance of the audit and approval of the *Corrective Action Plan* submitted by the Department. See *Exhibit "C."*

Section Two. Acceptance of Audit Report and Corrective Action Report; directives

A. The Navajo Nation hereby accepts the Audit Report submitted by the Navajo Nation Office of Auditor General dated January 14, 2015 and designated as Report No. 15-09 (entitled, *A Special Review of the Department of Navajo Veterans Affairs, Ft. Defiance Agency*). This Audit Report, concerning the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Affairs, is attached as *Exhibit "A."*

B. The Navajo Nation further accepts and approves the proposed *Corrective Action Plan* as submitted by the Navajo Nation Department of Veteran's Affairs, dated March 24, 2015. Plan attached as *Exhibit "B."*

C. Copies of the Auditor General's Special Review and the Department of Justice's Correction Action Plan shall be provided to the Office of the President and Vice-President and the Health, Education and Human Services Committee as part of their oversight responsibility for the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Affairs.

D. The Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Affairs shall submit a written status report on its progress in implementing the *Corrective Action Plan* to the Office of the Auditor General six months after the approval of this legislation.

E. The Navajo Nation Office of the Auditor General shall review the written status report submitted by the Department of Veterans Affairs and provide a report to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee as well as the Budget and Finance

1 Committee on the efforts and success regarding the program's implementation of the
2 *Corrective Action Plan*.

3 F. The Office of the Auditor General shall conduct a follow-up review twelve months
4 after the approval of this resolution to verify the actions claimed to have been taken by
5 the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Office of Auditor General shall issue a written
6 follow-up report indicating the Department of Veterans Affairs progress in implementing
7 the Corrective Action Plan and to make any necessary recommendations to the Health,
8 Education and Human Services Committee as well as the Budget and Finance
9 Committee.