

RESOLUTION OF THE
HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

Approving the Submittal of the Five-Year Contract Proposal to Contract the Tribal Temporary Assistant to Needy Families (TANF) Program Pursuant to P.L. 93-638, as Amended and Recommending to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Navajo Nation Council to Accept the Contract Award in the Amount of \$35,710,814.00 for the First Year, Beginning January 01, 1998 and Ending December 31, 1998, and Authorizing the President of the Navajo Nation to Carry Out the Intent of This Resolution, Subject to Health and Social Services Committee Approval

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §451, the Health and Social Services Committee is established and continued as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council; and
2. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §452, the Health and Social Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is empowered to review and approve agreements and contracts negotiated with federal, state, regional, local, private and Navajo Nation Health and Social Services authorities subject to applicable laws of the Navajo Nation; and
3. With the passage of P.L. 104-193 (The Personal Responsibility Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act), the United States dramatically revised the welfare system of the United States, focusing on allowing welfare assistance only as a mechanism to allow persons to become prepared to enter the work force (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families or "TANF"); and
4. One of the specific provisions of P.L. 104-193 includes a program specifically designed for tribes; and
5. This Tribal TANF Program is located within the Navajo Nation Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), which is subject to contracting under P.L. 93-638, as amended; and
6. The Division of Social Services, along with the Navajo Nation Welfare Reform Task Force, has developed a contract application for the Tribal TANF program pursuant to P.L. 93-638, as amended; and
7. The Health and Social Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council finds it to be in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to contract the Navajo Nation TANF Program pursuant to P.L. 93-638, as amended.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Health and Social Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council authorizes and recommends to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Navajo Nation Council to authorize submission of the five-year contract proposal attached as Exhibit "A" to contract the Tribal TANF Program pursuant to P.L. 93-638, as amended.

2. Recognizing the possibility of a declination and/or extensive negotiations for a Navajo Nation TANF P.L. 93-638 contract, the Health and Social Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, further authorizes the development and submission (if necessary) of a grant application pursuant to Section 412 of P.L. 104-193, provided that the grant application is consistent with the P.L. 93-638 contract proposal and is used only so long as is absolutely necessary until a P.L. 93-638 contract may be finalized and recommends the same to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.

3. The Health and Social Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council accepts the award and recommends to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Navajo Nation Council to accept the award in the amount of \$35,710,814.00, for the first year, beginning January 01, 1998 and ending December 31, 1998, and authorize the President of the Navajo Nation to carry-out the intent of this resolution subject to the approval of the Health and Social Services Committee.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Health and Social Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstained, this 3rd day of September, 1997.



Chairperson
Health and Social Services Committee

Motion: James Bilagody
Second: Jack Colorado