

**RESOLUTION OF THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

Approving the Submittal of the Five-Year Contract Proposal to Contract the Tribal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Program Pursuant to P.L. 93-638, as Amended, For Services; Authorizing Acceptance of the Contract Award in the Amount of \$35,710,814.00 For the First Year, Beginning January 1, 1998 and Ending December 31, 1998, and Further Further Authorizing the President of the Navajo Nation to Take Those Actions Necessary to Carry Out the Intent of This Resolution

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §824 (B) (6), the Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is authorized to review, approve and accept agreements, including contracts and grants, between the Navajo Nation and any federal, state or regional authority upon the recommendation of the standing committee which has oversight of the division, department or program which has applied for the agreement; and
2. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §185(B)(1), contracts or grants which provide funds to the Navajo Nation are subject to final authorization, review, approval and acceptance by the Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Navajo Nation Council; and
3. By Resolution HSSCS-111-97 (attached as Exhibit "A"), the Health and Social Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council recommended to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee to approve the submittal of the contract proposal pursuant to P.L. 93-638 as amended to the United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), by September 1, 1997; and
4. With the passage of P.L. 104-193 (The Personal Responsibility and 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
5. One of the specific provisions of P.L. 104-193 includes a program specifically designed for tribes; and
6. This Tribal TANF Program is located within the Department of Health and Human Services, which is subject to contracting under P.L. 93-638, as amended; and

7. The Division of Social Services, along with the Navajo Nation Welfare Reform Task Force, has developed a contract proposal (attached as Exhibit "B") for the Tribal TANF program pursuant to P.L. 93-638, as amended; and

8. The Intergovernmental Relations Committee 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 Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Navajo Nation Council approves the Navajo Nation's TANF proposal and further authorizes the Navajo Nation President to accept the award to contract the Tribal TANF program pursuant to P.L. 93-638, as amended provided the contract terms do not subsequently change from the Navajo Nation TANF proposal and budget amount.

2. Recognizing the possibility of a declination and/or extensive negotiations for a Navajo Nation TANF P.L. 93-638 contract, the Intergovernmental Relations Committee 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 as long as is absolutely necessary until a P.L. 93-638 contract may be finalized.

3. The Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Navajo Nation Council authorizes the President of the Navajo Nation to take those actions necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Intergovernmental Relations 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 7 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstained, this 22nd day of September, 1997.


Kelsey A. Begaye, Chairperson
Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Motion: Young Jeff Tom
Second: Herbert Pioche