RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

20th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2006

AN ACT

RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES, AND FINANCE; ENACTING THE
VETERANS TRUST FUND AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2006, AMENDING TITLE
12 OF THE NAVAJO NATION CODE, 12 N.N.C. §1171

BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1. Enactment of the Veterans Trust Fund Amendments
Act of 2006


Section 2. Findings and Purpose

The Navajo Nation Council hereby finds that the legitimate needs of Navajo veterans, whether arising from the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, or prior armed conflicts exceed the financial resources which are currently available to meet such needs.

The purpose of the Veterans Trust Fund Amendments Act of 2006 is to provide a statutory set-aside of funds from the annual revenues of the Navajo Nation for the purpose of meeting the legitimate needs of Navajo veterans.

Section 3. Amendments to Title 12 Navajo Nation Code

The Navajo Nation Council hereby amends the Navajo Nation Code, Title 12, as follows:

§1171. Establishment

The “Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund” hereinafter the “Trust Fund” is established with an initial appropriation of six million dollars ($6,000,000) from revenues from Undesignated Tribal Reserves. Each year, during the appropriation of the Navajo Nation Comprehensive
Budget, the Navajo Nation Council shall budget a sum equal to at least four percent (4%) of any and all projected revenues of the Navajo Nation, including, but not limited to revenues received from taxes, oil and gas mining and minerals, timber, land rentals, interest and dividends, gain on sale of securities and other revenue producing activities for transfer to the Fund. Any funds deposited into the Trust Fund, plus accrued interest, shall be used only as provided for as explained hereinafter.

Section 4. Codification

The provisions of this 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 these amendments within the next recodification or supplement of the Navajo Nation Code, to the extent practicable.

Section 5. Savings Clause

Should any provisions 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, those portions of this Act which are not determined invalid shall remain the law of the Navajo Nation.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona) at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 57 in favor and 0 opposed this 1st day of November 2006.

[Signature]
Lawrence T. Morgan, Speaker
Navajo Nation Council
02 Nov. 06
Date
Motion: Willie Tracey, Jr.
Second: LaVern Wagner

ACTION BY THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT:

1. I hereby sign into law the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §1005 (C)(10), on this _____ day of ________ 2006.

   [Signature]

   Joe Shirley, Jr., President
   Navajo Nation

2. I hereby veto the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §1005 (C)(11), this _____ day of ________ 2006 for the reason(s) expressed in the attached letter to the Speaker.

   [Signature]

   Joe Shirley, Jr., President
   Navajo Nation
20th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – FOURTH YEAR 2006

Mr. Speaker:

The HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL to whom has been assigned:

LEGISLATION NO. 0544-06

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL DELEGATE LARRY ANDERSON, SR

Has had it under consideration and report the same with the recommendation that it DO PASS with no amendments.

And therefore referred to the same to the BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL.

Omer Begay, Jr., Chairperson
Human Services Committee

Dated: August 14, 2006
Vote: ___5___ in Favor and ___0___ Opposed
Excused: Young Jeff Tom.
Absent: Tom White, Jr.
Budget and Finance Committee Report
26TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Fourth Year 2006

LEGISLATION NO. 0544-06
Sponsored by Honorable Larry Anderson, Council Delegate

AN ACTION


The Budget and Finance Committee has had it under consideration and reports the same with the recommendation that it Do Not Pass and refers the same to the Ethics and Rules Committee, thence the Navajo Nation Council.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing legislation was duly considered by the Budget and Finance Committee of the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting held at Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same did not pass by a vote of 1 in favor and 4 opposed, this 5th Day of September, 2006.

[Signature]
Harold Wauneka, Vice-Chairperson
Budget and Finance Committee

Motion: Raymond Maxx
Second: Richard T. Begaye
Mr. Speaker,

The ETHICS AND RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been assigned

LEGISLATION No. 0544-06

Has had it under consideration and reports the same with the recommendation that it DOES PASS, with the following amendments:

1. On page 2, line 4 and at the beginning of line 5 Delete "a sum equal to at least"

And therefore referred to the NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL.

Respectfully submitted,

LoRenzó C. Bates Chairman
ETHICS & RULES COMMITTEE

Adopted: Virgil Brown, Jr. (Advisor)
Not Adopted: (Advisor)

Date: September 20, 2006

The vote was 6 in favor and 0 opposed.
Excused:
Absent:
OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

TRACKING FORM

FOR REPORTING SECTION USE:  TRACKING NO: 0544-06

Sponsor Name: Larry Anderson; Ben Shelly; R. Maxx
Omer Begay; Danny Simpson; Mel R. Begay; Jerry Bodie

Sponsor Telephone #: 871-6380-6382

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SUBMITTAL OF DOCUMENT TO THE SPEAKER’S OFFICE

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Speaker’s Signature: __________________________ Date Signed: 7/19/06

FINAL RECEIPT BY REPORTING SECTION

Received by OLS Staff: 7/1/06  Dated Rec’d: 7/1/06  Time Rec’d: 8 AM

Final Resolution No. CN-55-06  Approval Date: 11/01/06

7/1/06 - Summary Requested
9/26/06 - Ready for NNC.
10/2 - OMB