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CO-03-027-24

RESOLUTION OF THE COPPERMINE CHAPTER

AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200.00 FOR THE LATE
DINAH WHITEHAIR FROM THE CHAPTER ACTIVITY FUND IN MONETARY ASSISTANCE FOR BURIAL
ASSISTANCE UTILIZING 13:6721.

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C., Section 3, and 11 N.N.C., Section 10 the Coppermine Chapter is a duly recognized and certified chapter of the Navajo Nation Government; and
2. Pursuant to N.N.C., Chapter 1: Navajo Nation Chapter, Section 1., (B) (1) & (2), the Navajo Nation Council delegated to Chapter governmental authority with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo law, including custom and tradition and allows chapter to make decisions to govern with responsibilities and accountability to community membership; and
3. The family of the late Dinah Whitehair is requesting for burial assistance for burial expense from the Chapter Activity Funds account to lessen their financial burden.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT:

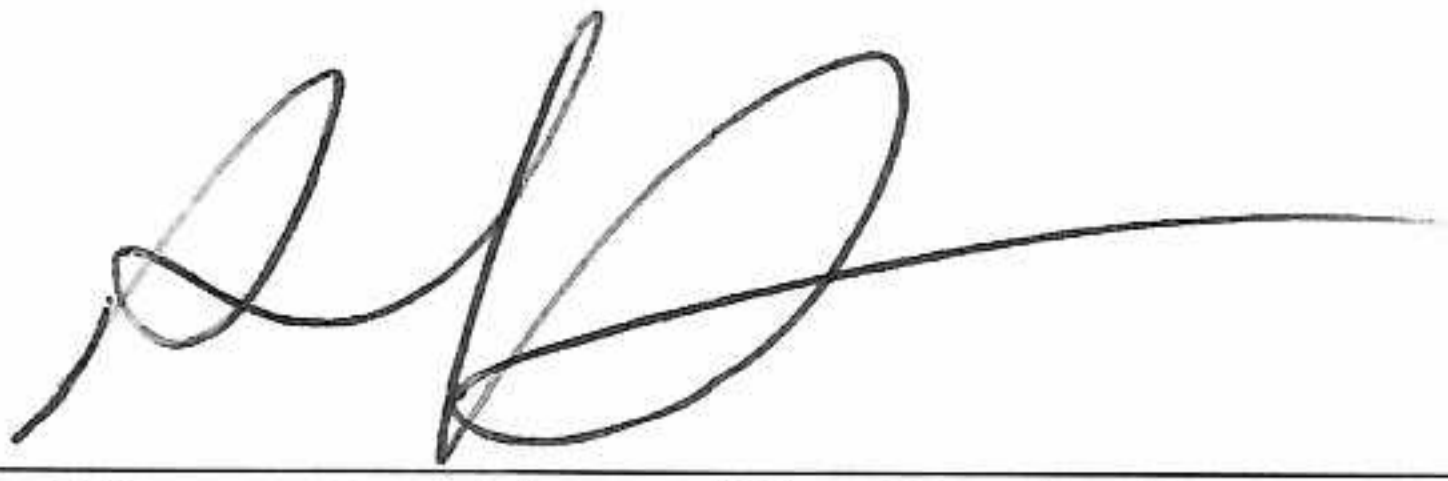
The Coppermine Chapter hereby authorizes and approves in the amount of \$200.00 to the family of the late Dinah Whitehair from the Chapter Activity General Funds in Monetary Assistance.

CERTIFICATION

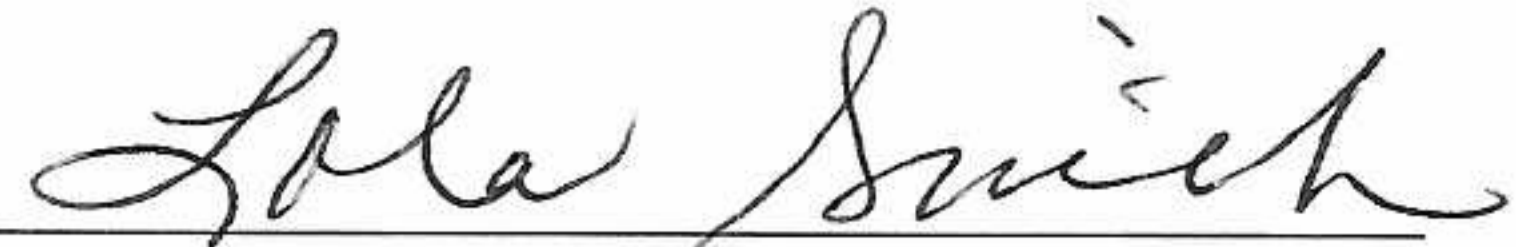
We, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was considered at a duly called Chapter Meeting at Coppermine Chapter, Navajo Nation, (Arizona), where a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 25 in favor, 00 opposed, 15 abstained on this ~~22nd~~ ^{17th} day of ~~February~~ ^{March} 2024.

Motioned by: Floyd Stevens

Seconded by: Paul Begay



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CO-03-028-24

RESOLUTION OF THE COPPERMINE CHAPTER OF THE NAVAJO NATION
SUPPORTING PASSAGE BY CONGRESS OF THE TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO
THE NAVAJO-HOPI SETTLEMENT ACT (P. L. 93-531) AND REQUEST FOR FIELD
HEARING OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, A CONGRESSIONAL HEARING

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to Subchapter 1 of the Local Governance Act, 26 N.N.C. §§ 1-3, and the authority of Navajo Nation Council Resolution CAP-34-98, the Coppermine Chapter was established as a Chapter of the Navajo Nation Government; and
2. Pursuant to Subchapter 3 of the Local Governance Act, 26 N.N.C. §§ 101-103, the Coppermine Chapter has the authority to protect and promote the general welfare, including the safety, of its community people; and
3. In 1966, Commission of Indian Affairs, Robert Bennett ordered a "freeze" on development in a 1.5-million-acre area in the extreme Western portion of the Navajo Reservation, which was only lifted in 2009, and which is now known as the "Former Bennett Freeze Area"; and
4. On December 22, 1974, the Navajo-Hopi Settlement Act, P.L. 93-531 (Relocation Act), created the Navajo-Hopi Indian Relocation Commission (now the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation or ONHIR) to provide housing and other benefits to heads of household ordered to relocate from the 1882 Executive Order Reservation. ONHIR has relocated more than 4,000 families to date; and
5. The lands partitioned to the Navajo Nation—the Navajo Partitioned Lands—also experienced lengthy and severe development and construction freezes.
6. The Relocation Act led to largest forced removal of American citizens in the United States since the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II; and

7. There are approximately 1,074 children under the age of 18 that were relocated and were not eligible for relocation benefits under the Relocation Act despite experiencing extreme hardship as a result of the relocation; and
8. Later descendants of relocatees have also experienced hardship from the relocation and have remained ineligible for relocation benefits; and
9. The housing provided by ONHIR under the Relocation Act in many instances has suffered from defective and or substandard construction, including the use of inferior materials, labor, and construction practices, and has not generally been adequate to accommodate the typical size of a Navajo household; and
10. As a result, many ONHIR-built homes have not stood up well to environmental conditions and require substantial maintenance and repair in order to be “decent, safe and sanitary”; and
11. The housing provided by ONHIR under the Relocation Act carried limited two-year warranties in contravention of routine practice and Arizona law; and
12. The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) reported that ONHIR has historically allowed contractors with a history of performance issues to build relocation homes, GAO Report No.: 2020-WR-016-A; and
13. The Federal government has continually threatened to end the relocation effort despite its unfulfilled obligations and the severe and ongoing adverse impacts to the Navajo relocatees and their descendants, and those who signed the Accommodation Agreements and their descendants.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

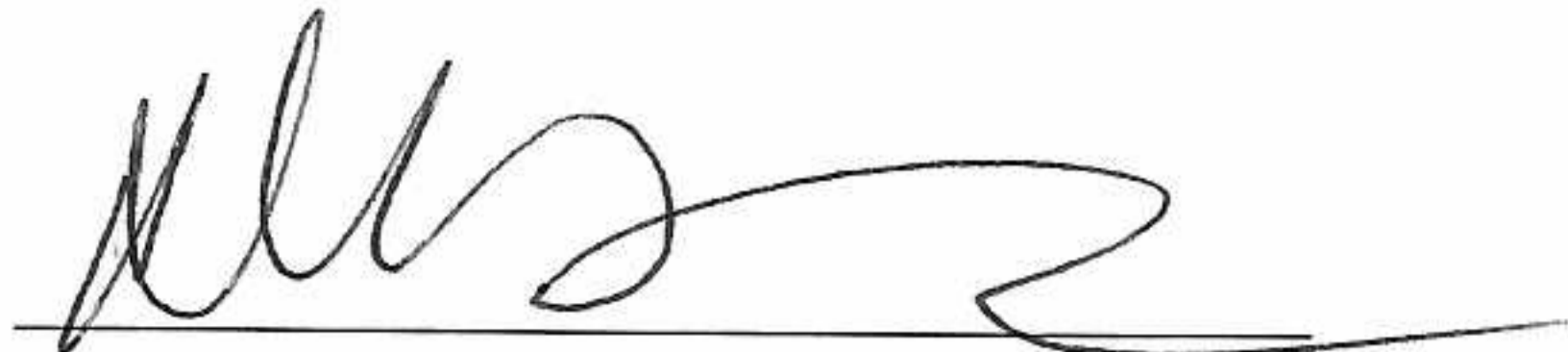
The Coppermine Chapter of the Navajo Nation fully supports Resolution CO-03-028-24 of the Navajo Hopi Land Commission urging the introduction and passage of the Navajo Nation’s Technical Amendments as well as the request for a Field Hearing on the Navajo Nation on these technical amendments or, in the alternative, a Congressional hearing.

CERTIFICATION

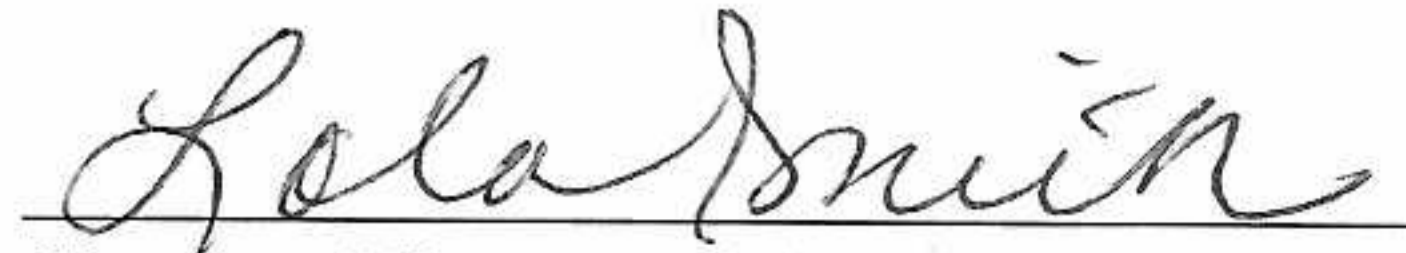
We, the undersigned, certify the foregoing resolution was presented to the Coppermine Chapter at a duly called meeting at Coppermine Chapter and which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote 30 in favor, 00 opposed, 14 abstaining, this day 17th of March, 2024.

Motioned: Paul Begay

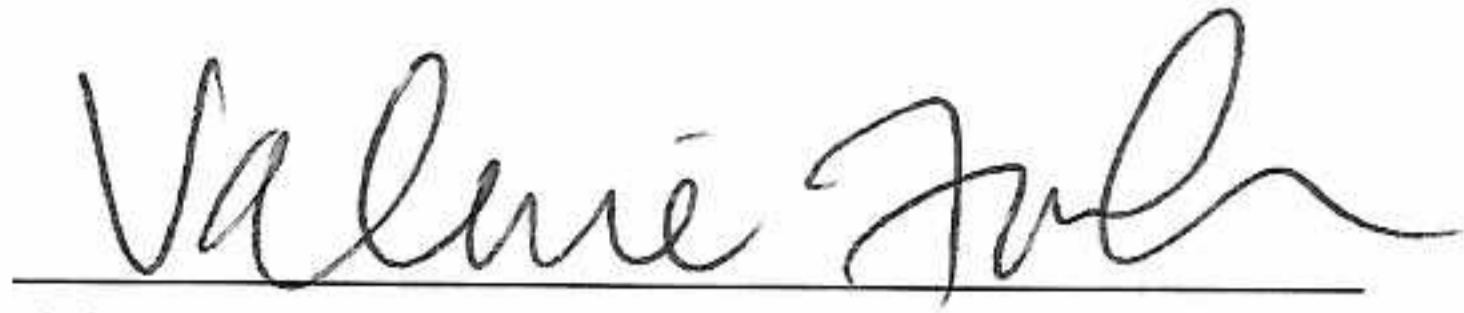
Seconded: Floyd Stevens



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CO-03-029-24

RESOLUTION OF THE COPPERMINE CHAPTER OF THE NAVAJO NATION
REQUESTING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS MANDATING THE OFFICE OF NAVAJO AND HOPI INDIAN RELOCATION TO REPAIR HOMES OR, ALTERNATIVELY, TO DO THE SAME USING EXISTING SURPLUS FUNDS

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to Subchapter 1 of the Local Governance Act, 26 N.N.C. §§ 1–3, and the authority of Navajo Nation Council Resolution CAP-34-98, the Coppermine Chapter was established as a Chapter of the Navajo Nation Government; and
2. Pursuant to Subchapter 3 of the Local Governance Act, 26 N.N.C. §§ 101–103, the Coppermine Chapter has the authority to protect and promote the general welfare, including the safety, of its community people; and
3. On December 22, 1974, the Navajo-Hopi Settlement Act, P.L. 93-531 (Relocation Act), created the Navajo-Hopi Indian Relocation Commission (now the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation or ONHIR) to provide housing benefits to heads of household ordered to relocate from the 1882 Executive Order Reservation; and
4. The benefits described under Section 15 of the Relocation Act included providing “a decent, safe, and sanitary replacement dwelling adequate to accommodate such household”; and
5. The housing provided by ONHIR under the Relocation Act was frequently defective and or substandard construction having been caused by, among other

things, material defects relating to inferior materials, labor, and construction practices; and

6. The housing provided by ONHIR under the Relocation Act carried two-year warranties in contravention of routine practice and Arizona law; and
7. The housing provided by ONHIR has been and continues to be defective and or substandard in contravention of the housing promised under Section 15 of the Relocation Act; and
8. The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) reported that ONHIR has historically allowed contractors with a history of performance issues to build relocation homes, GAO Report No.: 2020-WR-016-A; and
9. ONHIR has, at times, denied receiving complaints from the Navajo Nation regarding the status of repairs and warranty issues relating to the homes it provided; and
10. The Federal government has continually threatened to end the relocation effort despite its unfulfilled obligations and the severe and ongoing adverse impacts to the Navajo relocatees and their descendants; and
11. Since Fiscal Year 2022, the Federal government has not provided new appropriations to ONHIR and has instead required ONHIR to draw down on its existing surplus funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

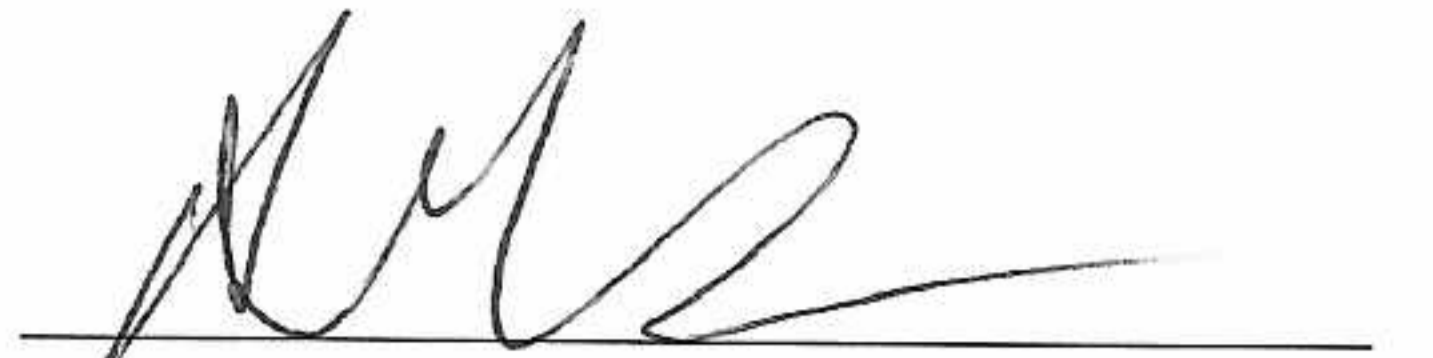
The Coppermine Chapter of the Navajo Nation fully supports the requests that Congress provide additional funding to ONHIR so that ONHIR may carry out its purpose, which includes the repairing of defective and or shoddy construction in homes provided under the Relocation Act or, alternatively, to mandate that ONHIR use its surplus funds to accomplish the same.


CERTIFICATION


We, the undersigned, certify the foregoing resolution was presented to the Coppermine Chapter at a duly called meeting at Coppermine Chapter and which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote 30 in favor, 00 opposed, 16 abstaining, this 17th day of March, 2024.

Motioned: Paul Begay

Seconded: Floyd Stevens


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CO-03-030-24

RESOLUTION OF THE COPPERMINE CHAPTER OF THE NAVAJO NATION

Supporting and Requesting the Navajo Nation Council to Appropriate a supplemental Budget in the Amount of \$250,000 for Fiscal Year 2024 to the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office from the Unbudgeted Undesignated Fund Balance

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §851, The Navajo-Hopi Land Commission was established by the Navajo Nation Council to monitor, collect, and update information on any and all land use conflicts between the Navajo Nation and the Hopi Tribe, and any claimants in and to lands within the area described in the Act of June 14, 1934 (48 Stat. 960), and to speak and act for the Navajo Nation with respect to the land selection and land exchange provisions of P.L. 96-305; and
2. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §856, the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office (NHLCO) was established by the Navajo Nation Council to be utilized by the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission in performing its assigned duties; and
3. The NHLCO is understaffed and needs to reopen its Tuba City Office to assist and provide technical assistance to the affected chapters to complete their projects. Additional staff and operating cost are necessary to re-open the Office; and
4. On October 5, 2023, the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission recommended that the NHLCO Executive Director prepare and submit a supplemental budget in the amount of \$250,000 from the Unbudgeted Undesignated Fund Balance to hire seven (7) additional staff to assist Former Bennett Freeze Area and Navajo Partitioned Land Chapters with housing needs using ARPA funds, to implement the Dine Relocatee Fund projects, and to reopen the NHLCO Tub City office. Attached, hereto as, Exhibit "A" is the supplemental budget; and
5. The supplemental budget is necessary to address the much-needed projects that are outstanding with NHLCO.

KNOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The District One Council from the Western Agency chapters, Navajo Nation hereby supports and requests the Navajo Nation Council to approve a Supplemental Budget in the amount of \$250,000, attached hereto, as Exhibit "A", for FY 2024 to the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office from the Unbudgeted Undesignated Fund Balance.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was fully considered by the Coppermine Chapter, Chapter Officials at a duly called meeting in Coppermine, Arizona, at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a Vote of 30 in Favor, 00 opposed, and 16 Abstained on this 17th of March, 2024.

MOTIONED BY: Paul Begay SECONDED BY: Floyd Stevens

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CO-03-031-24

**RESOLUTION OF THE COPPERMINE CHAPTER OF THE NAVAJO NATION
REQUESTING PRESIDENT JOSEPH R. BIDEN APPOINT A COMMISSIONER
TO THE OFFICE OF THE NAVAJO AND HOPI INDIAN RELOCATION**

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to Subchapter 1 of the Local Governance Act, 26 N.N.C. §§ 1–3, and the authority of Navajo Nation Council Resolution CAP-34-98, the Coppermine Chapter was established as a Chapter of the Navajo Nation Government; and
2. Pursuant to Subchapter 3 of the Local Governance Act, 26 N.N.C. §§ 101–103, the Coppermine Chapter has the authority to protect and promote the general welfare, including the safety, of its community people; and
3. On December 22, 1974, the Navajo-Hopi Settlement Act, P.L. 93-531 (Relocation Act), as amended, created the Navajo-Hopi Indian Relocation Commission (now the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation or ONHIR) to provide housing benefits to the heads of households ordered to relocate from the 1882 Executive Order Reservation; and
4. Section 15 of the Relocation Act, as amended, requires ONHIR to provide “a decent, safe, and sanitary replacement dwelling adequate to accommodate such household”; and
5. Section 13 of the Relocation Act originally required a relocation plan that would “Assure that housing and related community facilities and services, such as water,

sewers, roads, schools, and health facilities for such households shall be available at their relocation sites”; and

6. Section 11 of the Relocation Act, as amended, provides that “The lands transferred or acquired pursuant to this section shall be administered by the Commissioner until relocation under the Commissioner’s plan is complete and such land shall be used solely for the benefit of Navajo Families residing on Hopi-Partitioned lands”; and
7. Section 12 of the Relocation Act, as amended, provides that “The Commissioner is authorized to provide for the administrative, fiscal, and housekeeping services of [ONHIR] and ... that the control over and responsibility of completing relocation shall remain in the Commissioner”; and
8. Section 12(b) of the Relocation Act, as amended, authorizes the President of the United States to appoint a Commissioner and to do so without the advice or consent of the Senate;
9. Since the resignation of Carl J. Kunasek in 1994, ONHIR has been under the control of its Executive Director, Chris Bavasi, who has been acting under delegated legal authority to manage the agency; and
10. The housing provided by ONHIR under the Relocation Act in many instances has suffered from defective and or substandard construction, including the use of inferior materials, labor, and construction practices, and has not generally been adequate to accommodate the typical size of a Navajo household; and
11. As a result, many ONHIR-built homes have not stood up well to environmental conditions and require substantial maintenance and repair in order to be “decent, safe and sanitary”; and
12. The housing provided by ONHIR under the Relocation Act carried limited two-year warranties in contravention of routine practice and Arizona law; and
13. The relocation sites have often lacked access to related community facilities and services, such as water, sewers, roads, schools, and health facilities; and
14. The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) reported that ONHIR has historically allowed contractors with a history of performance issues to build relocation homes, GAO Report No.: 2020-WR-016-A;

15. The GAO also reported that ONHIR has failed to manage Navajo Trust Land in accordance with its policies, GAO Report No.: GAO-18-266;
16. In a March 12, 2021, letter from the U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Inspector General (OIG) to the House and Senate Subcommittees on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, the OIG reported that an independent auditing firm retained by OIG attempted to conduct an audit on ONHIR and found that “ONHIR’s financial statements were not auditable” because “ONHIR management could not provide basic account records that are necessary to audit financial statements”; and
17. In a March 22, 2022, report from the OIG, the OIG stated that it could not audit ONHIR’s financial information because “some costs appear to be recorded in ONHIR’s financial statements contrary to Federal accounting standards[,]” OIG Report No.: 2020-WR-016-I; and
18. Without a Commissioner, ONHIR has operated without direction, without due regard for thousands of relocated families that it was established to serve, and without respect for the Nation-to-Nation relationship between the Navajo Nation and the United States.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

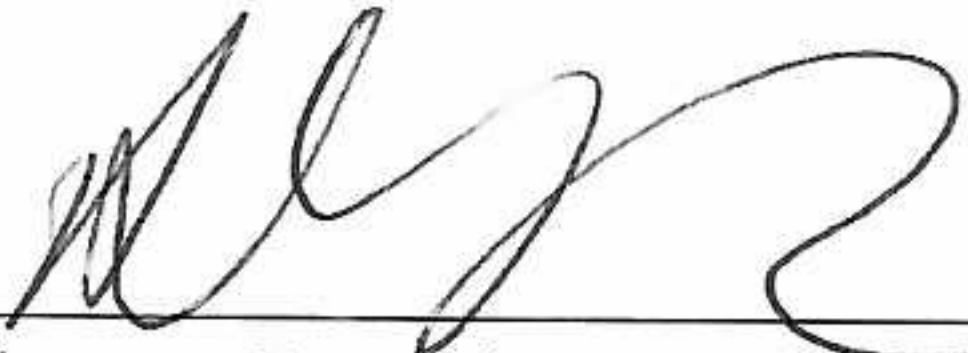
The Coppermine Chapter of the Navajo Nation requests that President Joseph R. Biden exercise his authority under the Relocation Act and immediately appoint a Commissioner to ONHIR that can be held accountable for carrying out a just and compassionate relocation program.

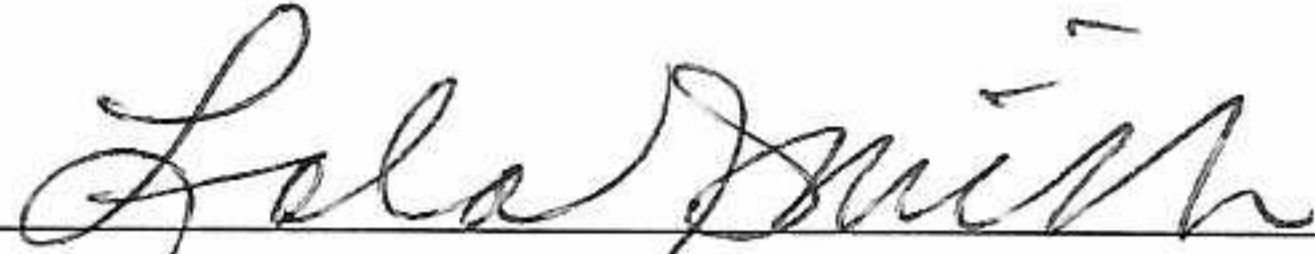
CERTIFICATION


We, the undersigned, certify the foregoing resolution, which was presented to the Coppermine Chapter at a duly called meeting at Coppermine Chapter and which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote 30 in favor, 00 opposed, 14 abstaining, this 17th day of March, 2024.

Motioned: Paul Begay

Seconded: Floyd Stevens


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CO-03-032-24

PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF THE NAVAJO HOPI LAND COMMISSION OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

Requesting that \$50 Million of the Navajo Nation's American Rescue Plan Act Funds Be Repurposed to Repair Homes and Provide Housing Assistance to Navajos Relocated Under Public Law 93-531 and the Descendants of Those Relocatees

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 851(A), the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission (NHLC) is established within the Legislative Branch of the Navajo Nation Government; and
2. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 851(B)(1), § 853(B)(1), and Government Services Committee Resolution No. GSCF-10-91, the NHLC is authorized to collect, update and maintain information on Navajo-Hopi Land Dispute matters and advise the Navajo Nation President of such matters; and
3. On December 22, 1974, the Navajo-Hopi Settlement Act, P.L. 93-531 (Relocation Act), created the Navajo-Hopi Indian Relocation Commission (now the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation or ONHIR) to relocate members of the Navajo Nation and Hopi Tribe residing on land partitioned to the other, and to provide housing and other benefits to heads of household ordered to relocate; and
4. The Relocation Act led to largest mandatory removal of American citizens in the United States since the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II; and
5. Section 15 of the Relocation Act required that ONHIR provide housing support that would ensure that the habitation acquired under the Relocation Act would be "decent, safe, and sanitary"; and
6. The housing provided by ONHIR under the Relocation Act, in many instances, has suffered from defective and or substandard construction, including the use of inferior materials, labor, and construction practices, and has not generally been adequate to accommodate the typical

size of a Navajo household; and

7. Many ONHIR-built homes have not stood up well to environmental conditions and require substantial maintenance and repair in order to be “decent, safe and sanitary”; and
8. The housing provided by ONHIR under the Relocation Act carried limited two-year warranties in contravention of routine practice and Arizona law; and
9. The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) reported that ONHIR has historically allowed contractors with a history of performance issues to build relocation homes, GAO Report No.: 2020-WR-016-A; and
10. ONHIR has repeatedly refused or ignored requests by Relocates for housing repairs related to defective and or substandard construction and other poor construction practices; and
11. The Relocation Act failed to account for or provide housing benefits to the descendants of Relocates; and
12. The Navajo Nation wishes to undertake the provision of home repairs and assistance to Navajos relocated under the Relocation Act, as well as their descendants; and
13. The use of American Rescue Plan Act funds would support the Navajo Nation’s response to the COVID-19 crisis by reducing overcrowding of homes, as well as through improving the general health and well-being of its members by providing the decent, safe, and sanitary housing they are owed and deserve; and
14. The Navajo-Hopi Land Commission will at a later time establish criteria and procedures for determining eligibility and priority of these funds based on needs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:


The Navajo-Hopi Land Commission of the Navajo Nation Council requests that \$50 million of the Navajo Nation’s American Rescue Plan Act funds be repurposed to provide home repairs and assistance to Navajos who were relocated under P.L. 93-531, as well as to their descendants. This Commission shall, at a later time, prescribe the criteria and procedures for determining eligibility and priority in the use of these funds.

CERTIFICATION


I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Coppermine Chapter at a duly called meeting at Coppermine Chapter (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 30 in favor, 00 opposed, 10 abstaining, this 17th day of March, 2024.

Otto Tso, Chairperson
Navajo-Hopi Land Commission
Navajo Nation Council

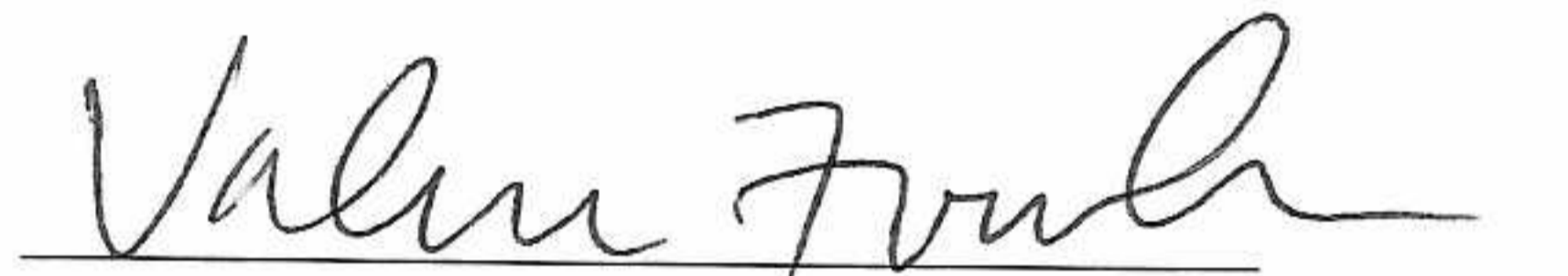
Motioned by: Paul Begay Seconded by: Floyd Stevens



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RESOLUTION OF COPPERMINE CHAPTER

**SUPPORTING AND APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION FISCAL RECOVERY
FUND EXPENDITURE PLANS FOR CHAPTERS AND REGIONAL PROJECTS IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$6,262,242.00 TO DESIGN, ENGINEER AND CONSTRUCT THE
COPPERMINE CHAPTER MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING**

WHEREAS:

1. The Coppermine Chapter is a duly-recognized and certified chapter of the Navajo Nation Government pursuant to 26 N.N.C. Section 3; 11 N.N.C., Part 1, Section 10: and
2. Pursuant to Title 26, N.N.C. Section 1 (B), The Coppermine Chapter is vested with governmental authority to review all matters affecting the community; to take appropriate corrective action as necessary; and to make recommendations to the Navajo Nation and other governmental agencies; and
3. Pursuant to Navajo Nation Code Title 26, Section 1 (B), The Coppermine Chapter is given governmental authority with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo Law, including custom and tradition; and
4. The Honorable Navajo Nation Council Delegate Helena Nez Begay and Coppermine Chapter recognize the need for a modern facility to provide local and area governmental services; and
5. A multipurpose building will accommodate the provision of Chapter services including offices for Chapter Administration, Senior Center, Community Health Representative, Veterans Services, Public Safety suboffice as well as a large meeting hall, technology room, kitchen, etc.; and
6. The Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund (FRF) Expenditure Plan for Chapter projects is recommended for partial utilization for this project from the amount of \$6,262,242.00 allocated to Delegate Nez Begay's area; and

7. The following FRF documents are attached:
 1. Appendix A – Request Form & Expenditure Plan
 2. Appendix B – Navajo Nation Budget Forms
 3. Appendix J- Project Budget Schedule
 4. Approved Chapter Resolution; and

8. The funds will be for design, engineering, and land preparation for eventual construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Coppermine Chapter hereby supports and approves the Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund Expenditure Plans for Chapter and Regional Projects in the amount of \$6,262,242.00 for the design, engineering, needed land preparations for the eventual construction of a 7,330 square feet multipurpose facility to provide local and area services for the Navajo People

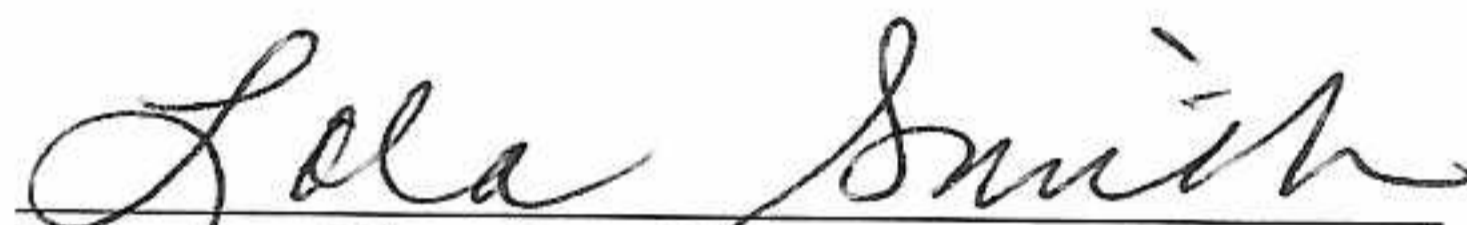
CERTIFICATION

We, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was considered at a duly called Special Meeting at Coppermine Chapter, Navajo Nation, (Arizona), where a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 28 in favor, 00 opposed, 03 abstained on this 30th day of March 2024.

Motioned: Stanford Fowler

Seconded by: Jimmy Yazue


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RESOLUTION OF THE COPPERMINE CHAPTER

SUPPORTING AND RECOMMENDING THE DESIGNATION OF THE CONFLUENCE (TOOH AHIDILII) OF THE LITTLE COLORADO AND THE COLORADO RIVERS; AND THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER GORGE AS TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTY THROUGH THE U.S. NATIONAL REGISTRY OF HISTORIC PLACES (NRHP); AND OPPOSING ANY LARGE SCALE DEVELOPMENT PLANS OR ACTIONS WHICH MAY NEGATE THE POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE AREA.

WHEREAS:

1. The Coppermine Chapter is a duly-recognized and certified chapter of the Navajo Nation Government pursuant to 26 N.N.C. Section 3; 11 N.N.C., Part 1, Section 10; and
2. Pursuant to Title 26, N.N.C. Section 1 (B), The Coppermine Chapter is vested with governmental authority to review all matters affecting the community; to take appropriate corrective action as necessary; and to make recommendations to the Navajo Nation and other governmental agencies; and
3. The Western Navajo Agency chapters of Bodaway/Gap, Cameron, Leupp, and Tuba City, through their respective resolutions, support the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado and Colorado Rivers; the Little Colorado River Gorge and other culturally and spiritually related significant areas as sacred (Hodiyin) sites; and
4. The District #3 Grazing Committee, Hataalii Advisory Council (HAC) and local land users and residents through petition and position statements, are opposed to the Big Canyon Pumped Storage Project which will adversely impact the natural, cultural, economic, historical and recreational value of the areas; and
5. The Coppermine Chapter recognizes that the Confluence as a significant contributing element to the larger Grand Canyon National Park landscape and is worthy of the nomination as a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) to the U.S. National Registry of Historic Places; and
6. The Coppermine Chapter opposes the proposed Western Pumped Storage Project #2 located in both chapters along the Echo Cliffs; and
7. Coppermine Chapter furthermore, opposes both the Big Canyon Pumped Storage Project and the Western Pumped Storage Project #2 as it will negatively impact scarce groundwater pumping, land and watershed health scenic outdoor recreation, historic and cultural preservation, and threatened and endangered species protection.

8. The Coppermine Chapter also welcomes the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's denial of preliminary permit applications due to lack of consultation, project reviews, and the addressing of concerns and consent of local communities and the Navajo Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Coppermine Chapter hereby supports and recommends the designation of the Confluence (Tooh Ahidilii) of the Little Colorado and the Colorado Rivers and the Little Colorado River Gorge as traditional cultural property through the U.S. National Registry of Historic Places (NRHP); and opposing any large scale development plans or actions which may negate the positive aspects of the area.

CERTIFICATION

We, hereby certify, that the foregoing resolution was duly considered at a duly called meeting at Coppermine Chapter, Navajo Nation, Arizona at which a quorum was present and the same was passed by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, and 10 abstained on this 17th day of March 2024.

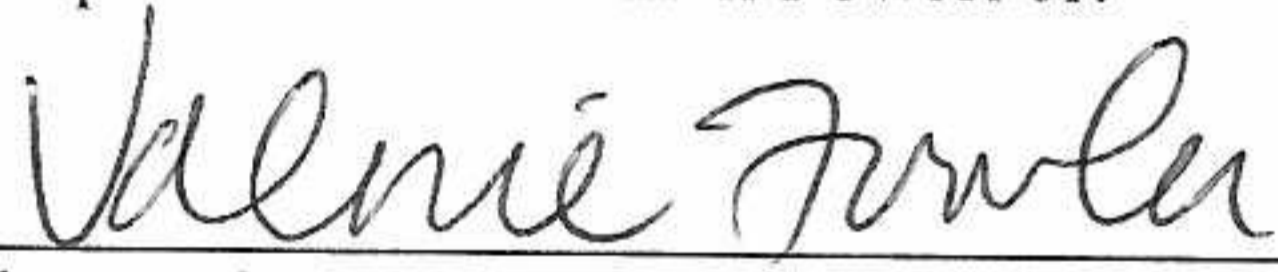
Motioned by: Paul Begay Seconded by: Linda Long



Chapter President- Allen Fowler Jr.



Chapter Vice-President- Lola Smith



Chapter Secretary/Treasurer- Valerie Fowler



Chapter Grazing Official- Stanford Fowler

Council Delegate- Helena Nez Begay