

# COPPERMINE CHAPTER

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## RESOLUTION OF THE COPPERMINE CHAPTER

CO-05-045-20

### **A RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF ENCOURAGING EFFORTS BY THE NAVAJO NATION, THE NAVAJO-HOPI LAND COMMISSION OFFICE AND THE NAVAJO-HOPI LAND COMMISSION TO SEEK ECONOMIC STIMULUS FUNDING TO ADDRESS THE IMPACTS OF THE BENNETT FREEZE, FORCED RELOCATION AND CORONAVIRUS.**

#### **WHEREAS:**

1. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C. Section 1, the Navajo Nation Council delegated Chapter government authority with respect to all local matters consistent with Navajo law, including custom and tradition; and
2. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C. Section 103 (B) and (C), all authority exercised by a Chapter shall be consistent with Navajo Nation; and,
3. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C. Section 103 (A), the members of each Chapter, at a duly called meeting, are authorized to oversee the authority delegated to the Chapter in accordance with Local Governance Act (LGA); and,
4. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C. Section 1001 (B) (1) (1), the Chapter President has authority to take actions to protect the life, property and well-being of the members of the Chapter which are beneficial to the community as a whole; and,
5. The Trump Administration and the United States Congress are considering additional legislation to address the economic impacts of the coronavirus (COVID-19); and,
6. The Navajo Nation has been significantly impacted both in terms of physical health and economic condition by the coronavirus; and,
7. Prior to the impact of the coronavirus, the Navajo Nation, the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office and the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission were supporting an effort known as the Navajo Thaw Implementation Plan to address the impacts of the Bennett Freeze. In addition, the Navajo Thaw serves to address the impacts of the Forced Relocation stemming from the land dispute with the Hopi Tribe; and,
8. The Bennett Freeze was a 40-year development moratorium affecting the Navajo residents in approximately 1.5 million acres on all or portions of nine Chapters within the Western Navajo Nation; and,
9. The Navajo Thaw Regional Plan is comprised of ten Chapter Recovery Plans and a Regional Plan identifying infrastructure and other economic development projects to reverse the impact of the Bennett Freeze and the Forced Relocation; and

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10. The Navajo Thaw Implementation Plan calls for an investment by the Federal government to address the impacts and to realize the promise made by the Federal government related to both the Bennett Freeze and Forced Relocation eras.

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. A Resolution in the Matter of Encouraging Efforts by the Navajo Nation, the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office and the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission to Seek Economic Stimulus Funding to Address the Impacts of the Bennett Freeze, Forced Relocation, and Coronavirus.
2. Coppermine Chapter supports the Navajo Thaw Implementation Plan and efforts by the Navajo Hopi Land Commission Office and the Navajo Nation to seek federal funding to address the impacts of the Bennett Freeze and the Forced Relocation.
3. Coppermine Chapter also supports the establishment of an organizing structure that can receive and disperse the funding for the benefit of the 10 participating Chapters in the Navajo Thaw Implementation Plan.

### CERTIFICATION

We, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by Coppermine Chapter, at a duly called Regular Chapter Meeting at Coppermine, Navajo Nation, Arizona, where a quorum was present and it was passed by a vote of 2 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained, this 15th day of MAY, 2020.

Motion: *Lola Smith*

*Sid Whitehair*  
Sid Whitehair, President

*Lola Smith*  
Lola Smith, Vice President

Second: *Valerie Fowler*

*Valerie Fowler*  
Valerie Fowler, Secretary/Treasurer

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## COPPERMINE CHAPTER RESOLUTION

**CO-05-046-20**

**REQUESTING THE NAVAJO NATION, NAVAJO HOPI LAND COMMISSION OFFICE AND THE NAVAJO-HOPI LAND COMMISSION TO APPROVE ECONOMIC STIMULUS FUNDING FOR KITCHEN/BATHROOM ADDITIONS AND LABOR COST IN THE COPPERMINE CHAPTER FORMER BENNETT FREEZE AREA.**

### WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C., Section 3 (A), the Coppermine Chapter is a certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation as listed under 11 N.N.C., part 1, Section 10; and
2. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C., Section 1 (B), the Coppermine Chapter is delegated the governmental authority to make decisions over local matters consistent with Navajo Laws, customs, and tradition; and
3. The Snyder Act of 1921 (23 U.S.C. 13) was the first formal legislative authority allowing health services to be provided to Native Americans. In 1957, the Indian Facilities Act authorized funding for community hospital construction. This authority was expanded in 1959 with the Indian Sanitation and Facilities Act, which also authorized construction and maintenance of sanitation facilities for Native American homes, communities, and lands; and
4. Indian Health Service initial plans to deliver water to the Koko Extension by extending a pipeline from Kaibeto to First Windmill will be costly, and because IHS prioritizes projects based on the cost per household to deliver water, the Koko extension could be years away from implementation. Using a new well and storage tank in the Koko area significantly reduces IHS costs per household of delivering water to this area, and could enable IHS to advance the priority of all phases of the Koko extension—meaning that more unserved residents in the former Bennett Freeze area can get water sooner; and
5. Coppermine Chapter has made an assessment to identified individual homes for repairs or renovations and to estimate the cost to repair the existing structure identifying the individual homes and specific actions to make them habitable. This list has been reviewed by the Former Bennett Freeze Area Planning Group and reviewed by the Coppermine Chapter Planning Committee and the Community Land Use Planning Committee and Chapter members as it approaches implementation, see **Exhibit A & B**; and
6. This request is for the general wellbeing of all residents living in the FBFA Coppermine Chapter area with emphasis on the health and welfare of the residents. Furthermore, the waterline project will benefit all entities located in the Coppermine Chapter south area.

### NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Requesting the Navajo Nation, Navajo Hopi Land Commission Office and the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission to approve Economic Stimulus funding for Kitchen/Bathroom Additions and Labor Cost in the Coppermine Chapter Former Bennett Freeze Area.

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## CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Coppermine Chapter at its monthly meeting, at which a quorum was present and that same was approved by a vote of 2 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020 at the Coppermine Chapter House, Navajo Nation, Arizona.

Motion: *Lola Smith*

Second: *Valerie Fowler*

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Sid Whitehair, Chapter President

*Valerie Fowler*  
Valerie Fowler, Chapter Secretary

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