

**RESOLUTION OF THE NAVAJO-
HOPI LAND COMMISSION OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Second Year, 2024

**Approving the Diné Relocatee Fund Manual; and Authorizing the Navajo-Hopi Land
Commission Office to Administer the Diné Relocatee Fund Manual**

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§ 851(A) and 851(B)(3), the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission ("NHLC") is established within the Legislative Branch of the Navajo Nation Government and shall speak and act on behalf of the Navajo Nation on issues related to lands acquired under the Navajo and Hopi Indian Land Settlement Act of December 22, 1974, Pub. L. 93-531, as amended by the Navajo-Hopi Indian Relocation Amendments Act of 1980, Pub. L. 96-305 (together, the "Act"); and
2. Section 11 of the Act, as amended and previously codified at 25 U.S.C. § 640d-10, provides in part that lands transferred or acquired in trust for the Navajo Nation (the "New Lands") shall be administered by the federal Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation ("ONHIR") until relocation of Navajo families from Hopi-Partitioned lands ("HPL") is complete and shall be used solely for the benefit of Navajo families residing on HPL as of December 22, 1974 ("Relocation Beneficiaries"); and
3. On February 13, 2022, the Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez approved Resolution No. CJA-13-22 establishing the Diné Relocatee Fund at 12 N.N.C §§ 2801 - 2808. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. §§ 2801 and 2802, the revenue, income, payments, and proceeds generated from the New Lands located in Arizona shall be deposited in the Diné Relocatee Fund ("Fund") and shall be used only to benefit the Relocation Beneficiaries; and
4. On June 7, 2022, the Budget and Finance Committee approved Resolution BFJN-19-22 establishing the Fund Management Plan for the Fund; and
5. The NHLC by Resolution Nos. NHLCJA-2-19 and NHLCO-06-2022 approved and amended the Diné Relocatee Fund Policy ("Fund Policy") to guide administration and use of the Fund to benefit the Relocation Beneficiaries; and
6. It in the best interest of the Relocation Beneficiaries to establish the Diné Relocatee Fund Manual ("Manual"), attached as Exhibit A, and authorize the NHLC Office to administer the Manual to further govern the administration of the Fund, as well as the provision of financial assistance from revenue from New Lands located in Arizona for the benefit of the Relocation Beneficiaries. By email dated November 9, 2023, the ONHIR concurs with the

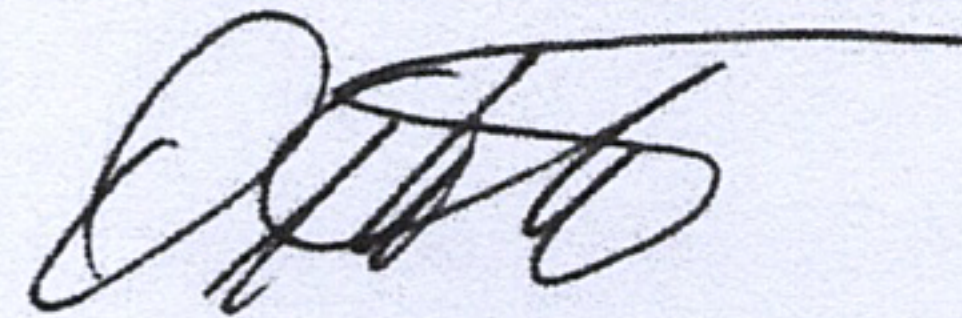
Manual so long as the provisions are fully complied with by the Navajo Nation and NHLC Office.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Navajo-Hopi Land Commission hereby approves and adopts the Diné Relocatee Fund Manual, attached hereto as Exhibit A.
2. The Navajo-Hopi Land Commission hereby authorizes the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office to administer the Diné Relocatee Fund Manual.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission 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 5 in favor, 0 opposed, on this day 15th February, 2024.



Honorable Otto Tso, Chairman
Navajo Hopi Land Commission

Motion: Honorable Vince R. James
Second: Honorable Helena Nez Begay