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Marion Eckersley
Child Abuse Prevention Program Administrator
Utah Department of Health and Human Services

Re: Letter of Support for Utah Navajo Health System – RFGA DHHS26054

Dear Ms. Eckersley,

The San Juan County Board of Commissioners is pleased to provide this letter of support for Utah Navajo Health System's application for the Child Abuse Prevention Grant under RFGA DHHS26054.

We recognize that effective child abuse prevention requires coordinated, community-based strategies that strengthen families, reduce stress, and increase protective factors before crisis occurs. The Navajo Wellness Model reflects this approach by promoting cultural identity, healthy family functioning, resilience, and community connection.

By embedding a Traditional Counselor within the school setting and engaging families through structured programming and parent engagement nights, this initiative reinforces social connectedness, parental resilience, and awareness of available support. These efforts align with our shared commitment to upstream prevention and to reducing risk factors that contribute to both family instability and suicide risk.

San Juan County Board of Commissioners supports Utah Navajo Health System's efforts to collaborate with community partners, increase public awareness of prevention strategies, and build stronger networks of care for children and families across the region. We value programs that address root causes and strengthen families before more intensive intervention becomes necessary.

We look forward to continued collaboration in promoting child safety, family stability, and community wellness in San Juan County.

Sincerely,

Jamie Harvey
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