

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Supporting the Establishment of and Appropriating Funds for the Tohono
O'odham Community College's O'odham Language Center)

RESOLUTION NO. 20-021

1 **WHEREAS,** **the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council with**
2 **the authority to "promote, protect and provide for public health, peace, morals,**
3 **education and general welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its members"**
4 **and to "authorize, charter and regulate public or private corporations and**
5 **associations whether organized for profit, or for non-profit or charitable**
6 **purposes" (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(e)); and**

7 **WHEREAS,** **the Tohono O'odham Community College ("TOCC") was established in January**
8 **1998 to serve as the Tohono O'odham Nation's center for higher education,**
9 **research, culture and tradition (11 Tohono O'odham Code Article 1, Section C.,**
10 **Charter of the Tohono O'odham Community College as amended June 19, 2018);**
11 **and**

12 **WHEREAS,** **the O'odham language is in decline as it is not being regularly transmitted inter-**
13 **generationally and it is listed as an endangered language by the United Nations**
14 **Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); and**

15 **WHEREAS,** **despite the fact that over a period of several decades, the Tohono O'odham Nation**
16 **("Nation") and members and entities of the Nation, to include TOCC, have taken**
17 **steps to support the O'odham language including documentation of O'odham**
18 **speech and historical records, establishment of the Himdag Ki:, development of**
19 **an O'odham dictionary, adoption of a standard orthography (Alvarez-Hale),**
20 **design and implementation of a certification process for O'odham language**
21 **teaching, creation of curriculum, and delivery of O'odham language courses in**
22 **the K-12 system and at TOCC, those important efforts have not and will not be**
23 **sufficient to revitalize the language; and**

24 **WHEREAS,** **on December 6, 2018, during an O'odham language symposium at Himdag Ki:**
25 **with the Legislative Council, Nation's Chairman, and Executive Branch in**
26 **attendance, along with individuals and representatives of a variety of groups that**
27 **want to see steps taken to revitalize O'odham language, the TOCC did propose to**
28 **establish an O'odham language center dedicated to language revitalization; and**

29 **WHEREAS,** **efforts to revitalize endangered languages are more likely to be successful if**
30 **governments back those efforts with their resources.**

31 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council supports the**
32 **efforts of TOCC to establish a language center dedicated to revitalization of the**
33 **O'odham language.**

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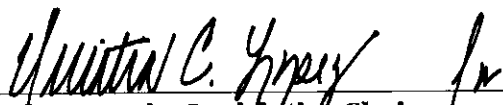
1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council encourages and
2 supports TOCC's efforts to secure grant funding from entities including the
3 National Science Foundation's Tribal College Enterprise Advancement Center
4 and Language Planning Grant opportunities, the Administration for Native
5 Americans, and other funding sources for the preservation and revitalization of
6 O'odham language.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council hereby appropriates
8 funds in the total amount of \$900,000 from the Nation's General Fund to Tohono
9 O'odham Community College to establish and operate a Tohono O'odham
10 Language Center with the express goal of language revitalization, as described in
11 the attached proposal, incorporated herein by reference, to be disbursed to TOCC
12 in \$300,000 increments each fiscal year for fiscal years 2020, 2021 and 2022, of
13 which an annual report be provided to the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council.

14 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council hereby encourages all
15 Nation entities that are involved with O'odham language teaching, learning, and
16 research to pursue partnerships with TOCC toward the establishment and
17 development of an O'odham language center for the teaching, learning, and
18 research of the O'odham language at TOCC.

19 The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 13TH
20 day of JANUARY, 2020 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,175.7 FOR; -0-
21 AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [04] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by
22 Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(e) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation,
23 adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy
24 Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the
25 Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).

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27 TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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31 Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman
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39 Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

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Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 21 day of January, 2020 at 4:39 o'clock, p.m., pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of submittal.

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Timothy C. Joaquin
Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman

APPROVED

on the 21 day of January, 2020
at 5:35 o'clock, p.m.

DISAPPROVED

Ned Norris, Jr.
NED NORRIS, JR., CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 22 day of
January, 2020, at 9:25 o'clock, a.m.

Evonne Wilson
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE TOHONO O'ODHAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S O'ODHAM LANGUAGE CENTER

Moved: COUNCILMAN DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III

SECOND: COUNCILMAN LOUIS R. LOPEZ

DATE: JANUARY 13, 2020

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI 384.8	1. LEANDER MASE (<i>Absent</i>) (Francine Schooling) (<i>Present</i>) 2. ALBERTA J. RAY (Frances G. Antone)	192.40 192.40	X X			
CHUKUT KUK 347.5	1. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Juanita Homer) 2. MARLAKAY HENRY (Billman Lopez)	173.75 173.75	X X			
GUACHI 279.3	1. VICTORIA HOBBS () 2. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN (<i>Absent</i>) (Louis L. Johnson) (<i>Present</i>)	139.65 139.65	X X			X
GU VO 264.5	1. DALLAS LEWIS (Nacho Flores) 2. GRACE MANUEL ()	132.25 132.25	X X			X
HICKIWAN 213.8	1. SANDRA D. ORTEGA () 2. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Delma M. Garcia)	106.90 106.90	X X			X
PISINEMO 230.7	1. MONICA K. MORGAN () 2. MARIETTA MARTIN ()	115.35 115.35	X X			
SAN LUCY 235.6	1. GLORIA RAMIREZ () 2. JANA MONTANA (Lorraine M. Eiler)	117.80 117.80	X X			
SAN XAVIER 238.9	1. JANICE FELIX (<i>Absent</i>) (Adam Andrews) (<i>Present</i>) 2. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III (Racheal Vilson-Stone)	119.45 119.45	X X			
SCHUK TOAK 189.0	1. QUINTIN C. LOPEZ (Agnes V. Joaquin) 2. TERESA F. DONAHUE (Alberta Espinoza)	94.50 94.50	X X			
SELLS 547.1	1. EVELYN JUAN MANUEL () 2. ARTHUR WILSON ()	273.55 273.55	X X			
SIF OIDAK 244.5	1. LUCINDA ALLEN (<i>Absent</i>) (Yolonda Garcia) (<i>Present</i>) 2. MARY LOPEZ (<i>Absent</i>) (Ann M. Garcia) (<i>Present</i>)	122.25 122.25	X X			X
TOTAL		3,175.7	3,175.7	-0-	-0-	[04]