

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Appropriating \$25,480,225.00 for FY 2023 - FY 2027 for Tohono O'odham
Community College Operations)**

RESOLUTION NO. 22-205

1 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council with
2 the power "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 appropriate Nation's funds provided that "[a]ll expenditures of these funds
5 shall be pursuant to appropriations or budgets" authorized by resolution or
6 ordinance (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and 1(d)(2)); 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 Chapter 1, Charter of
10 the Tohono O'odham Community College); and
11 **WHEREAS,** TOCC has consulted with a majority of the Nation's districts in accordance with 26
12 Tohono O'odham Code Chapter 1, Article 3, Section 1301(A) and received the
13 majority of Districts' support for funding of TOCC for the initial 24 years of
14 operation; and
15 **WHEREAS,** by Resolutions No. 98-328, No. 2000-419, No. 01-211, No. 04-281, No. 07-521, No. 12-
16 287, and No. 17-211, the Legislative Council appropriated from the Nation's
17 gaming savings funds in amounts ranging from \$1.4 million in FY 1999, to \$4.8
18 million in FY 2022, to subsidize TOCC's operations for fiscal years 1999-2022; and
19 **WHEREAS,** in previous years, TOCC has focused on and successfully achieved its financial
20 plan benchmarks by decreasing the TOCC's reliance on the Nation's allocation
21 during fiscal years 2017 through 2022, when the percentage ranged from 52% to
22 41% of total revenues; and
23 **WHEREAS,** TOCC made significant progress during 2018-2022, including earning a five-year
24 re-accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission in February 2021,
25 establishing free tuition for Native American students in summer 2020 to
26 mitigate the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, leading to increased
27 enrollment that provided increased funding from Public Law No. 95-471, the
28 Tribally Controlled Community College Assistance Act, and increasing
29 enrollment to a high of over 700 students continually since fall semester 2020;
30 and
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1 **WHEREAS, TOCC has set the following five priorities in its 2021-2026 strategic plan:**

- 2 • **Strengthen the Himdag: Assist the O'odham Language Center in its**
3 **mission of reclaiming O'odham language and establishing O'odham**
4 **language immersion centers on the Tohono O'odham Nation;**
5 • **Enhance Access, Reach, and Community: Develop a face-to-face**
6 **community of 200 or more students at S-cuk Du'ag Maşcamakuđ while**
7 **retaining and strengthening TOCC's online course delivery platform to**
8 **secure an enrollment of 500 to 900 students;**
9 • **Build curriculum offerings: Provide additional degrees and certificates**
10 **that will serve the needs of the Tohono O'odham Nation. Develop and**
11 **deliver bachelor's degrees in Tohono O'odham Studies and Life Science;**
12 • **Model Sustainability through O'odham' Traditional Ecological Knowledge**
13 **and cutting-edge science: Ensure that the TOCC oidag and gardens survive**
14 **and produce to capacity in the face of global heating. Link production to**
15 **the operation of the Tohono Kosin in Tohono Plaza which will provide low-**
16 **cost healthy food for the public and will serve to provide students**
17 **certificates in Culinary Arts;**
18 • **Promote Excellence: Engage students in learning experiences that**
19 **support and challenge them to change themselves and the world while**
20 **meeting their expressed needs and career goals; employ strategies to**
21 **indigenize the curriculum; and**

22 **WHEREAS, long-term financial stability is required for continued accreditation by the**
23 **Higher Learning Commission; and**

24 **WHEREAS, the TOCC Board of Trustees requests a five-year funding appropriation from the**
25 **Nation for Tohono O'odham Community College operations commencing July 1,**
26 **2022, the start of TOCC's fiscal year, in annual allocations of \$5,096,045.00 per**
27 **year for a total of \$25,480,225.00; and**

28 **WHEREAS, the Human Resources Development and Budget and Finance Committees**
29 **recommend appropriating a total of \$25,480,225.00 for FY 2023-FY 2027 for the**
30 **Tohono O'odham Community College operations.**

31 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council appropriates**
32 **\$5,096,045.00 each year for FY 2023-FY 2027 for a total amount of \$25,480,225.00**
33 **from the Nation's gaming savings to Tohono O'odham Community College for its**

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operations, provided that payment shall be made on July 1 annually commencing on July 1, 2022.

The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 08TH day of JUNE, 2022 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,218.0 FOR; -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [03] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by, Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and 1(d)(2) the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Timothy Joaquin
Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman
9 day of June, 2022

ATTEST:

Evonne Wilson
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary
9 day of June, 2022

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 9 day of June, 2022 at 2:40 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 Joaquin
Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman

APPROVED

on the 10 day of June, 2022

DISAPPROVED

at 10:43 o'clock, a.m.

Ned Norris, Jr.
NED NORRIS, JR., CHAIRMAN
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Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 10 day of

June, 2022, at 2:31 o'clock, p.m.



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

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ACTION: APPROPRIATING \$25,480,225.00 FOR FY 2023 - FY 2027 FOR TOHONO O'ODHAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPERATIONS

Moved: COUNCILWOMAN JANICE FELIX

SECOND: COUNCILMAN LOUIS R. LOPEZ

DATE: JUNE 08, 2022

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF OIDAK 245.6	1. MARY LOPEZ (Ann M. Garcia) 2. LUCINDA ALLEN (Francis Homewytewa)	122.8 122.8	X X			
SELLS 556.5	1. ARTHUR WILSON () 2. EVELYN JUAN-MANUEL (Arvada Liston)	278.25 278.25	X X			X
SCHUK TOAK 190.5	1. TERESA F. DONAHUE (Alberta Espinoza) 2. DELISA M. RAMON (Sharon A. Francisco)	95.25 95.25	X X			
SAN XAVIER 242.6	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III (<i>Absent</i>) (Racheal Vilson-Stoner) (<i>Present</i>) 2. JANICE FELIX (Adam P. Andrews)	121.3 121.3	X X			X
SAN LUCY 243.8	1. JANA MONTANA (<i>Absent</i>) (Lorraine M. Eiler) (<i>Present</i>) 2. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews)	121.9 121.9	X X			
PISINEMO 232.7	1. MARIETTA MARTIN () 2. EDWARD D. MANUEL (Monica Morgan)	116.35 116.35	X X			
HICKIWAN 216.6	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ () 2. DELMA M. GARCIA ()	108.3 108.3	X X			
GU VO 270.7	1. GRACE MANUEL () 2. CYNTHIA SAAVEDRA (Dallas Lewis)	135.35 135.35	X X			
GU ACHI 278.5	1. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN () 2. VICTORIA HOBBS (<i>Absent</i>) (Tonya L. Joaquin) (<i>Present</i>)	139.25 139.25	X X			
CHUKUT KUK 351.6	1. MARLAKAY HENRY (<i>Absent</i>) (Billman Lopez) (<i>Present</i>) 2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone)	175.8 175.8	X X			X
BABOQUIVARI 388.9	1. ALBERTA J. RAY (Frances G. Antone) 2. LEANDER MASE (Francine Schooling)	194.45 194.45	X X			
	TOTAL	3,218.0	3,218.0	-0-	-0-	[03]