

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
(Approving a 25-Year Land Assignment for a Department of Health and  
Human Services Children's Home)**

**DEFEATED  
RESOLUTION NO. 25-005**

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council is vested with the power "to manage,  
2 protect, preserve and regulate the use of the property, wildlife, land..." and  
3 resources of the Nation and "to manage and lease or otherwise deal with lands, or  
4 interest in land...of the Tohono O'odham Nation...." (Constitution of the Tohono  
5 O'odham Nation, Article VI, Section 1(i)(2) and Section 2(d)); and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approved Resolution No. 21-121 in  
7 support of the Permanent Children's Home Project with the goal of establishing  
8 a residential facility for children in need of supportive housing and care on the  
9 reservation; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approved Resolution No. 23-311  
11 accepting the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development,  
12 Office of Economic Development, FY 2023 – FY 2030 Community Project Funding  
13 Grant Award No. B-22-CP-AZ-0028 and the FY 2023 Planning and Economic  
14 Development Department, Children's Home Pre-Construction Project Budget;  
15 and
- 16 **WHEREAS,** a portion of the property previously leased by the Santa Rosa Day School, located  
17 within Gu Achi District, has been selected as the site for the Children's Home  
18 Project; and
- 19 **WHEREAS,** the Gu Achi District Council passed Resolution No. 0222-074 supporting the  
20 Permanent Children's Home Project and its proposed location; and
- 21 **WHEREAS,** the Nation wishes to record the proposed land use for future reference; and
- 22 **WHEREAS,** pursuant to the United States Code of federal Regulations, Title 25, Section  
23 169.4(b)(3)(iii), recordation requires the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council to  
24 pass a "tribal authorization authorizing access without" requiring approval of  
25 the Bureau of Indian Affairs and including a legal description; and
- 26 **WHEREAS,** the Nation wishes to assign for the Children's Home the following land, formerly  
27 known as the Santa Rosa Day School and hereafter called the Children's Home  
28 Site, for a period of 25 years: consisting of approximately 6.72 acres, East ½ of  
29 Section 28, Township 12 South, Range 3, East of the Gila and Salt River Meridian,  
30 Pima County, Arizona, subject to all existing easements, encroachments and  
31 rights of way; and

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1 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Nation Children's Home shall use the Children's Home Site**  
2 **to house Tohono O'odham children and shall construct, operate, maintain, and**  
3 **repair any facility and improvements, as necessary; and**


4 **WHEREAS, the Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee has reviewed the 25-year land**  
5 **assignment and recommends approval by the Legislative Council.**

6 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves and**  
7 **authorizes a 25-year land assignment for the Children's Home to be located on**  
8 **Nation's lands within the District of Gu Achi, at the Children's Home Site.**

9 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Nation's Chairperson, or his/her designee, is authorized to**  
10 **execute any documents reasonably necessary to implement this resolution.**

11 **The foregoing Resolution was defeated by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
12 **day of JANUARY, 2025 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 1,533.1 FOR;**  
13 **1,730.2 AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING and -0- ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council**  
14 **by Article VI, Section 1(i)(2) and Section 2(d) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation,**  
15 **adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy**  
16 **Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the**  
17 **Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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20 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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24 **Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman**  
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26 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2025

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30 **ATTEST:**  
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33 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

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35 03 day of January, 2025  
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**ACTION: APPROVING A 25-YEAR LAND ASSIGNMENT FOR A DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CHILDREN'S HOME**

**MOVED: VICE CHAIRWOMAN MARLAKAY HENRY**

**SECOND: JANICE FELIX**

**DATE: JANUARY 13, 2025**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI 394.2	1. LEANDER MASE ( <i>Absent</i> ) (Francine Schooling) ( <i>Present</i> ) 2. JESSE NAVARRO (Alberta J. Ray)	197.1 197.1	X	X		
CHUKUT KUK 354.7	1. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone) 2. MARLAKAY HENRY ( )	177.35 177.35	X	X		
GU ACHI 282.7	1. VICTORIA HOBBS (Tonya L. Joaquin) 2. JEROME F. JOAQUIN ( )	141.35 141.35		X X		
GU VO 276.0	1. DALLAS LEWIS ( ) 2. LESLIE LUNA ( )	138.0 138.0		X X		
HICKIWAN 220.5	1. DELMA M. GARCIA ( ) 2. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Loretta A. Ortega)	110.25 110.25	X	X		
PISINEMO 236.2	1. EDWARD D. MANUEL ( ) 2. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Nora J. Ruelas)	118.1 118.1	X X			
SAN LUCY 257.6	1. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews) 2. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (Lorraine M. Eiler)	128.8 128.8	X	X		
SAN XAVIER 244.5	1. JANICE FELIX ( ) 2. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III ( )	122.25 122.25	X X			
SCHUK TOAK 191.8	1. DELISA M. RAMON (Sharon A. Francisco) 2. THEORIA CAMPILLO (Rebecca Ann Valentine)	95.9 95.9	X X			
SELLS 558.0	1. EVELYN JUAN-MANUEL (Arvada Liston) 2. JANET B. ELEANDO ( )	279.0 279.0		X X		
SIF OIDAK 247.1	1. FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA ( ) 2. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez)	123.55 123.55	X X			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,263.30</b>	<b>1,533.1</b>	<b>1,730.2</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>