

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Appropriating Funds to the Baboquivari Unified School District for Year 3 of
Phase II of the Tohono O'odham Culture and Language Program for the
2024-2025 School Year)**

RESOLUTION NO. 25-146

1 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council with
2 the authority to "consult, negotiate and conclude agreements and contracts on
3 behalf of the Tohono O'odham Nation with Federal, State and local governments
4 . . ." and "to promote, protect and provide for public health, peace, morals,
5 education and general welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its members"
6 (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(f) and Section 1(c)(2)); and
7 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution also vests the Legislative Council with the authority to "manage
8 any funds within the exclusive control of the Tohono O'odham Nation . . . and to
9 appropriate these funds for the benefit of the nation and its members"
10 (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(d)(2)); and
11 **WHEREAS,** Baboquivari Unified School District ("BUSD") is a public school district located
12 within the Nation that serves 1,200 students in grades preschool through grade
13 12; and
14 **WHEREAS,** by Resolution No. 21-242, the Legislative Council approved an
15 "Intergovernmental Agreement Between Baboquivari Unified School District
16 and the Tohono O'odham Nation for the Joint Provision of Tohono O'odham
17 Language Instruction," which was subsequently amended by Resolution No. 22-
18 326 as the "Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement Between
19 Baboquivari Unified School District and the Tohono O'odham Nation for the Joint
20 Provision of Language and Culture Instruction" ("Agreement"); and
21 **WHEREAS,** the BUSD Tohono O'odham Culture and Language Program ("Program") supports
22 the employment of twelve language and culture teachers and a program director
23 to provide Tohono O'odham language and culture instruction in BUSD schools;
24 and
25 **WHEREAS,** by Resolution Nos. 21-242, 22-326, and 23-340, the Legislative Council has
26 appropriated funds for BUSD school years 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024;
27 and
28 **WHEREAS,** BUSD has submitted a proposal, which is incorporated by this reference, to
29 proceed to Year 3 of Phase II of the Program with an appropriation in the amount
30 of \$208,700.47 from the Nation to fund six Tohono O'odham language teacher
31 positions during the BUSD 2024-2025 school year; and

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WHEREAS, the Human Resources Development, Cultural Preservation, and Budget and Finance Committees have reviewed the appropriation request from BUSD for Year 3 of Phase II of the Program and recommend approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council appropriates \$208,700.47 from the Nation's general fund surplus to the Baboquivari Unified School District for Year 3 of Phase II of the Tohono O'odham Culture and Language Program for the 2024-2025 school year with the express goal of language revitalization, provided that the Baboquivari Unified School District will continue to provide annual data of the ongoing progress of the Tohono O'odham Culture and Language Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that the Nation and Baboquivari Unified School District agree to continue the "Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement Between Baboquivari Unified School District and the Tohono O'odham Nation for the Joint Provision of Language and Culture Instruction" for the 2024-2025 school year.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that the Baboquivari Unified School District may request funding for the 2025-2026 school year, provided that any funds appropriated by the Legislative Council that remain unused at the end of any school year shall be carried over and applied to the Nation's obligation for the following school year.

The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 14TH day of MAY, 2025 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,263.3 FOR; -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [05] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 1(c)(2), Section 1(d)(2) and Section 1(f) of 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


Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

14th day of May, 2025

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ATTEST:


Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

16 day of May, 2025

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 16th day of May, 2025 at 2:08 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


Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

☒ APPROVED

on the 16 day of May, 2025

☐ DISAPPROVED

at 2:33 o'clock, P.m.


VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 16 day of

May, 2025, at 3:27 o'clock, P.m.


Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE BABOQUIVARI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR YEAR 3 OF PHASE II OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM CULTURE AND LANGUAGE PROGRAM FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN JANICE FELIX

SECOND: COUNCILMAN LESLIE LUNA

DATE: MAY 14, 2025

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI 394.2	1. LEANDER MASE (Francine Schooling) 2. JESSE NAVARRO (Alberta J. Ray)	197.1 197.1	X X			X
CHUKUT KUK 354.7	1. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (<i>Absent</i>) (Cornelius Antone) (<i>Present</i>) 2. MARIAKAY HENRY ()	177.35 177.35	X X			
GU ACHI 282.7	1. VICTORIA HOBBS (Tonya L. Joaquin) 2. JEROME F. JOAQUIN (<i>Absent</i>) (Gloria Johnson) (<i>Present</i>)	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			X
PISINEMO 236.2	1. EDWARD D. MANUEL () 2. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Nora J. Ruelas)	118.1 118.1	X X			X
SAN LUCY 257.6	1. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews) 2. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (Lorraine M. Eller)	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			X
SCHUK TOAK 191.8	1. DELISA M. RAMON (Sharon A. Francisco) 2. THEORIA CAMPILLO (Rebecca Ann Valentine)	95.9 95.9	X X			X
SELLS 558.0	1. EVELYN JUAN MANUEL (Arvada Liston) 2. JANET B. ELEANDO ()	279.0 279.0	X X			
SIF ODAK 247.1	1. FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA () 2. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez)	123.55 123.55	X X			
TOTAL		3,263.3	3,263.3	-0-	-0-	[05]