

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**(Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the Tohono O'odham**  
**Judicial Branch and the United States District Court for the District of Arizona)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-165**

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 (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(c)(2)) and to "consult, negotiate and conclude  
5 agreements and contracts on behalf of the Tohono O'odham Nation with . . .  
6 private persons or organizations on all matters within the authority of the  
7 Tohono O'odham Council" (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(f)); and  
8 **WHEREAS,** Agreements with other governments require approval by action of the Legislative  
9 Council (26 T.O.C. Chapter One, Article 4, Contracting and Procurement  
10 Authority, Section 1402(D)); and  
11 **WHEREAS,** the Judicial Branch has prepared and submitted a Memorandum of  
12 Understanding (MOU), incorporated herein as Exhibit A, between the Judicial  
13 Branch (Branch) and the United States District Court for the District of Arizona  
14 (District Court) proposing that the Branch provide space for the District Court to  
15 hold hearings for its Arizona Supervision to Aid Reentry (AZSTAR) Program; and  
16 **WHEREAS,** the Branch recognizes the importance of helping members of the Nation, and  
17 others who may live on the Nation, to successfully complete participation in the  
18 AZSTAR Program; and  
19 **WHEREAS,** the Branch proposes to allow the District Court to use a courtroom in the Justice  
20 Center one business day per month to hold hearings for members of the Nation,  
21 and others who may live on the Nation, who are participating in the AZSTAR  
22 Program; and  
23 **WHEREAS,** the District Court will provide security oversight for the Magistrate Judge and  
24 court participants appearing in an assigned courtroom of the Justice Center at no  
25 cost to the Branch; and  
26 **WHEREAS,** the Judiciary Committee has reviewed the MOU and recommends its approval.  
27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the  
28 FY 2025 Memorandum of Understanding between the Tohono O'odham Judicial  
29 Branch and the United States District Court for the District of Arizona.  
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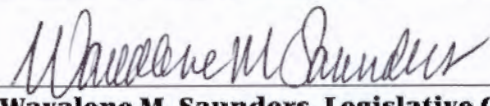
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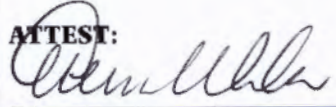
**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that the Chief Judge, or his official designee, is authorized to execute any documents necessary to implement this Resolution.**

**The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 13<sup>TH</sup> day of JUNE, 2025 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 1,674.35 FOR; 1,646.75 AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and -0- ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 1(c)(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**

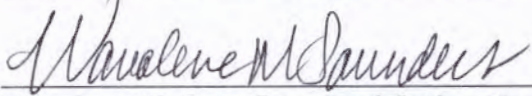
  
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman  
17 day of June, 2025

**ATTEST:**

  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary  
17 day of June, 2025

**Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 17 day of June, 2025 at 4:32 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

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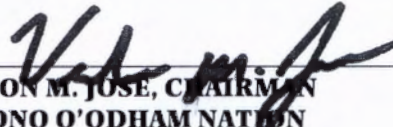
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☒ APPROVED

on the 18 day of June, 2025

☐ DISAPPROVED

at 8:17 o'clock, A.m.

  
VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN  
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 18 day of

June, 2025, at 9:04 o'clock, a.m.

  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary



**ACTION: APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOHONO O'ODHAM JUDICIAL BRANCH AND THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA****MOVED: COUNCILMAN BENNETT CHEWING****SECOND: VICE CHAIRWOMAN MARLAKAY HENRY****DATE: JUNE 13, 2025**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF OIDAK 251.2	1. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez) 2. FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA ( )	125.6 125.6	X	X		
SELLS 565.7	1. JANET B. ELEANDO ( ) 2. EVELYN JUAN MANUEL (Juan Buendia)	282.85 282.85		X X		
SCHUK TOAK 195.3	1. THEORIA CAMPILLO (Rebecca Ann Valentine) 2. DELISA M. RAMON (Quintin C. Lopez)	97.65 97.65		X X		
SAN XAVIER 249.8	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III ( ) 2. JANICE FELIX ( )	124.9 124.9		X X		
SAN LUCY 266.3	1. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (Lorraine M. Eiler) 2. ROGER MANUEL ( )	133.15 133.15	X X			
PISINEMO 240.3	1. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Nora J. Ruelas) 2. NAOMI MONTE (Edward D. Manuel)	120.15 120.15	X X			
HICKIWAN 222.9	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Loretta A. Ortega) 2. DELMA M. GARCIA ( )	111.45 111.45	X	X		
GU VO 279.6	1. LESLIE LUNA ( ) 2. BENNETT CHEWING ( )	139.8 139.8	X X			
GU ACHI 289.2	1. JEROME F. JOAQUIN ( ) 2. LUCIUS E. LOPEZ (Victoria A. Hobbs)	144.6 144.6	X X			
CHUKUT KUK 361.9	1. MARLAKAY HENRY ( ) 2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS ( )	180.95 180.95	X X			
BAROQUIVARI 398.9	1. JESSE NAVARRO (Alberta J. Ray) 2. NED NORRIS, JR (Leander Mase)	199.45 199.45		X X		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,321.1</b>	<b>1,674.35</b>	<b>1,646.75</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>