

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving Nation's Written Comments in Response to Proposed Strategic
Realignment of the Indian Health Service)**

RESOLUTION NO. 25-253

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 "consult, negotiate and conclude agreements and contracts on behalf of
5 the Tohono O'odham Nation with Federal, State and local governments and other
6 Indian tribes . . ." (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(f)); and
7 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution also vests the Legislative Council with the authority to "consult
8 with the Congress of the United States and appropriate federal agencies
9 regarding federal activities that affect the Tohono O'odham Nation and all
10 federal appropriation estimates and projects for the benefit of the Tohono
11 O'odham Nation before such estimates and projects are submitted to Congress
12 and other federal agencies" (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(j)); and
13 **WHEREAS,** written comments submitted on the Nation's behalf to federal, state, and local
14 governments on proposed rules, regulations, and laws or on actions or proposed
15 actions that may affect the Nation require Legislative Council approval (1 Tohono
16 O'odham Code Chapter 3); and
17 **WHEREAS,** on June 13, 2025, the Indian Health Service provided a Dear Tribal Leader Letter
18 initiating consultation on the proposed strategic realignment of the Indian
19 Health Service; and
20 **WHEREAS,** based upon the lack of specific information regarding the proposed strategic
21 realignment of the Indian Health Service, the federal government's trust
22 obligations to tribes, continued concerns regarding the IHS workforce, concerns
23 regarding the funding levels for IHS, and other related issues, the Health and
24 Human Services and Appropriations Committees requested and drafted Nation's
25 written comments in response to the proposed strategic realignment, which are
26 incorporated by this reference; and
27 **WHEREAS,** the Health and Human Services and Appropriations Committees, in the best
28 interests of the Nation and Nation's members, recommend approval of the
29 Nation's written comments and urge communication of the Nation's concerns to
30 the Nation's congressional delegation, as appropriate.
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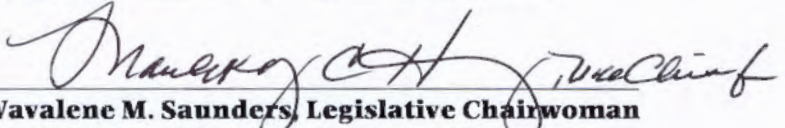
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the Nation's written comments in response to the proposed strategic realignment of the Indian Health Service and authorizes the Nation's chairperson or official designee to submit the comments prior to the August 28, 2025 deadline.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that it authorizes the Nation's chairperson, vice chairperson, and Appropriations Committee to communicate the Nation's concerns to the Nation's congressional delegation, as appropriate.

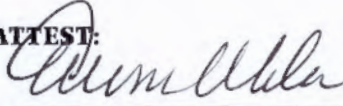
The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 06TH day of AUGUST, 2025 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,321.1 FOR; -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 1(c)(2), Section 1(f), and Section 1(j) 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

8TH day of August, 2025

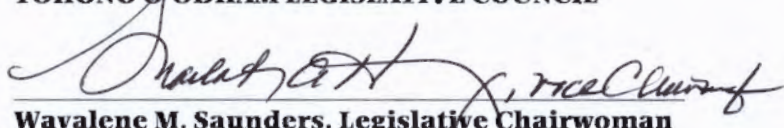
ATTEST:


Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

7 day of August, 2025

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 8TH day of August, 2025 at 8:14 o'clock, A.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.

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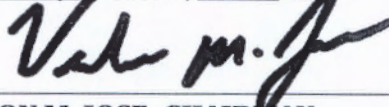
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☒ APPROVED

on the 8 day of August, 2025

☐ DISAPPROVED

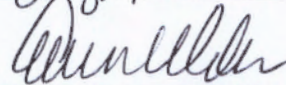
at 9 o'clock, A.m.



VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 8 day of

August, 2025, at 10:14 o'clock, 0.m.



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: APPROVING NATION'S WRITTEN COMMENTS IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSED STRATEGIC REALIGNMENT OF THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE**MOVED: COUNCILMAN DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III****SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS****DATE: AUGUST 06, 2025**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF ODAK 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 (Absent) (Christina Andrews) (Present)	133.15 133.15	X X			
PISINEMO 240.3	1. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Absent) (Nora J. Ruclas) (Present) 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			X
GU VO 279.6	1. LESLIE LUNA () 2. BENNETT CHEWING ()	139.8 139.8	X X			
GUACHI 289.2	1. JEROME F. JOAQUIN (Gloria Johnson) 2. LUCIUS E. LOPEZ (Victoria A. Hobbs)	144.6 144.6	X X			
CHUKUT KUK 361.9	1. MARLAKAY HENRY () 2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone)	180.95 180.95	X X			
BABOQUIVARI 398.9	1. JESSE NAVARRO (Alberta J. Ray) 2. NED NORRIS, JR (Leander Mase)	199.45 199.45	X X			
TOTAL		3,321.1	3,321.1	-0-	-0-	[01]