

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving of a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") between the Tohono O'odham Nation and
the U.S. Department of Defense ("DoD") to Address Unexploded Ordnance at Williams Field)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-281

1 **WHEREAS,** the Legislative Council is vested with the power to "consult, negotiate and
2 conclude agreements and contracts on behalf of the Tohono O'odham Nation with
3 Federal, State and local governments . . . or with private persons or organizations
4 on all matters within the authority of the Tohono O'odham Council" (Constitution
5 of the Tohono O'odham Nation, Article VI, Section I(f)); and

6 **WHEREAS,** the MOA with the DoD (attached hereto as an exhibit), in conjunction with a
7 cooperative agreement and the award of funds pursuant to the cooperative
8 agreement (which will be subject to separate Council authorization), will be the
9 vehicle by which the Tohono O'odham Nation (the "Nation") will receive financial
10 assistance and technical support from the DoD under the Native American Lands
11 Environmental Mitigation Program ("NALEMP") for the remediation of Williams
12 Field; and

13 **WHEREAS,** The Williams Field Bomb Range consists of 640 acres near Chuichu, in the Sif
14 Oidak District of the Tohono O'odham Nation, that was used as a practice bomb
15 site by Army Air Forces between February 1942 and February 1943; and

16 **WHEREAS,** until now, DoD has failed/declined to assist the Nation with the remediation of
17 unexploded target ordnance, which has rendered Williams Field essentially
18 unusable;

19 **WHEREAS,** this MOA will provide support to enable the Nation to: (1) develop a
20 comprehensive plan (Strategic Project Implementation Plan) to establish the
21 extent of environmental effects from former DoD activities at Williams Field; and
22 (2) participate directly or through assistance with the United States Army Corps of
23 Engineers in the mitigation of environmental effects at Williams Field; and

24 **WHEREAS,** the Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee has reviewed the MOA and
25 recommends that it be approved by the Legislative Council.

26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the
27 MOA and authorizes the Chairperson of the Nation or his designee to execute the
28 MOA in substantially the form attached.
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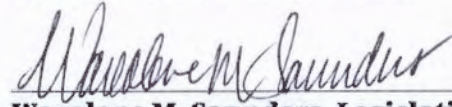
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The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 08TH day of SEPTEMBER 2025 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,140.15 FOR; 180.95 AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, 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).

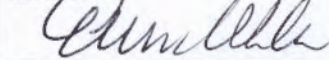
TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL



Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

12 day of September, 2025

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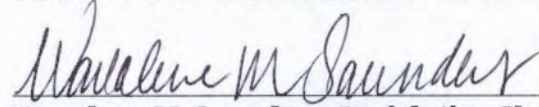


Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

12 day of September, 2025

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 12 day of September, 2025 at 10:36 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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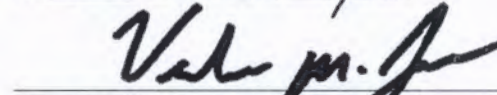
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

[☒] APPROVED

on the 15 day of September, 2025

[☐] DISAPPROVED

at 3:11 o'clock, p.m.



VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

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Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 15 day of

September, 2025, at 3:38 o'clock, p.m.


Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: APPROVING OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ("MOA") BETWEEN THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ("DOD") TO ADDRESS UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE AT WILLIAMS FIELD

MOVED: COUNCILMAN DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III

SECOND: COUNCILMAN ROGER MANUEL

DATE: SEPTEMBER 08, 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 (Christina Andrews)	133.15 133.15	X X			
PISINEMO 240.3	1. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (<i>Absent</i>) (Nora J. Ruelas) (<i>Present</i>) 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			X
GU ACHI 289.2	1. JEROME F. JOAQUIN (Gloria Johnson) 2. LUCIUS E. LOPEZ (<i>Absent</i>) (Victoria A. Hobbs) (<i>Present</i>)	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	X		
BABOQUIVARI 398.9	1. JESSE NAVARRO (Alberta J. Ray) 2. NED NORRIS, JR (<i>Absent</i>) (Leander Masc) (<i>Present</i>)	199.45 199.45	X X			
TOTAL		3,321.1	3,140.15	180.95	-0-	[01]