

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Amending Resolution No. 23-322 "Appropriating Funds for Tohono O'odham Kekel Ha-
Maščamakuđ (Tohono O'odham Community College) O'odham Ñi'okĩ Ki: (O'odham
Language Center) for Fiscal Years 2023-2027" to Reflect the Correct Fiscal Years)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-393

- 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 "authorize, charter and regulate public or private corporations and
5 associations whether organized for profit, or for non-profit or charitable
6 purposes" (Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, Article VI, Section 1(c)(2)
7 and Section 1(e)); and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Tohono O'odham Kekel Ha-Maščamakuđ (Tohono O'odham Community College
9 ("TOCC") was established in January 1998 to serve as the Tohono O'odham
10 Nation's center for higher education, research, culture and tradition (Amended
11 Charter of Tohono O'odham Kekel Ha-Maščamakuđ, 11 Tohono O'odham Code
12 Chapter 1, Article 1, Section C); and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** by Resolution No. 20-021, the Legislative Council supported the efforts of TOCC to
14 establish a language center dedicated to the revitalization of the O'odham ñi'okĩ,
15 encouraged and supported TOCC's efforts to secure additional grant funding, and
16 appropriated funds for that purpose for the fiscal years of 2020, 2021, and 2022;
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- 18 **WHEREAS,** the O'odham Ñi'okĩ Ki: (O'odham Language Center) reached significant
19 milestones and established critical partnerships designed to revitalize the
20 O'odham ñi'okĩ, leading the Legislative Council to approve continued support
21 through Resolution No. 23-322; and
- 22 **WHEREAS,** Resolution No. 23-322 appropriated funds in the total amount of \$2,164,562.82
23 from the Tohono O'odham Nation's general fund surplus to TOCC, to be disbursed
24 in the following increments beginning October 1, 2023:
- 25 - \$497,427.31 for fiscal year 2023;
26 - \$399,452.49 for fiscal year 2024;
27 - \$410,779.30 for fiscal year 2025;
28 - \$422,444.32 for fiscal year 2026; and
29 - \$434,459.40 for fiscal year 2027; and

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WHEREAS, Resolution No. 23-322 incorrectly identified the initial fiscal year as 2023, offsetting the five-year award as fiscal years 2023 to 2027 instead of the correct fiscal years 2024 to 2028, to be disbursed as follows:

- \$497,427.31 for fiscal year 2024 (October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024);

- \$399,452.49 for fiscal year 2025 (October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025);

- \$410,779.30 for fiscal year 2026 (October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026);

- \$422,444.32 for fiscal year 2027 (October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027); and

- \$434,459.40 for fiscal year 2028 (October 1, 2027 – September 30, 2028); and

WHEREAS, the Human Resource Development, Cultural Preservation, and Budget and Finance Committees have reviewed the request to amend Resolution No. 23-322 to correct the listed fiscal years and recommend approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves amending Resolution No. 23-322 to correct the fiscal years for the full appropriated amount of \$2,164,562.82 from the Tohono O'odham Nation's general fund surplus to TOCC, to be disbursed for the O'odham Ñi'okĩ Ki: in the following increments, provided that nothing in this resolution affects the amounts that were already disbursed on October 1, 2023 and October 1, 2024:

- \$497,427.31 for fiscal year 2024 (October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024);

- \$399,452.49 for fiscal year 2025 (October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025);

- \$410,779.30 for fiscal year 2026 (October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026);

- \$422,444.32 for fiscal year 2027 (October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027); and

- \$434,459.40 for fiscal year 2028 (October 1, 2027 – September 30, 2028).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council continues its support of TOCC's management and operation of the O'odham Ñi'okĩ Ki: dedicated to revitalizing the O'odham ñi'okĩ.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council encourages and supports efforts by Tohono O'odham Kekel Ha-Maşcamakuđ to continue to secure grant funding from entities, including but not limited to, the National Science Foundation, the Administration for Native Americans, and other funding sources for the preservation and revitalization of the O'odham ñi'okĩ.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council encourages all Tohono O'odham Nation entities that are involved with O'odham ñi'okĩ teaching, learning, and research to pursue partnerships with the O'odham Ñi'okĩ Ki: for the

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1 teaching, learning, and research of the O'odham nî'okí at Tohono O'odham Kekel
2 Ha-Maşcamakud. Such partnerships will strengthen collaboration, promote the
3 sharing of resources and expertise, and contribute to a comprehensive approach
4 to language revitalization.

5 The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 04TH
6 day of NOVEMBER 2025 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,321.1 FOR;
7 -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and -0- ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by
8 Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(e) the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation,
9 adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy
10 Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the
11 Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).
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14 TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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16 Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman
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18 6TH day of November, 2025
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27 Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

28 6 day of November, 2025
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31 Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono
32 O'odham Nation on the 6TH day of November, 2025 at 4:17 o'clock, p.m.,
33 pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become
34 effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48
35 hours of submittal.
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☒ **APPROVED**

on the 10 day of November, 2025

☐ **DISAPPROVED**

at 8 o'clock, A.m.


VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 10 day of

November, 2025, at 9:17 o'clock, A.m.


Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 23-322 "APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR TOHONO O'ODHAM KEKEL HAMASCAMAKUD (TOHONO O'ODHAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE) O'ODHAM NI'OKI KI: (O'ODHAM LANGUAGE CENTER) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023-2027" TO REFLECT THE CORRECT FISCAL YEARS

Moved: COUNCILWOMAN JANICE FELIX

SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN DELISA M. RAMON

DATE: NOVEMBER 04, 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			
GU ACHI 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-	-0-