

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving FY 2026 Valley Emergency Communications Center Subscriber Services
Agreement between the Tohono O'odham Nation and Drexel Heights Fire District)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-394

1 **WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council is vested with the power "[t]o consult,
2 negotiate and conclude agreements . . . on behalf of the Tohono O'odham Nation
3 with . . . State and local governments . . . or their departments, agencies, or
4 political subdivisions . . . on all matters within the authority of the Tohono
5 O'odham Council" and "[t]o exercise the inherent powers of the Tohono O'odham
6 Nation by providing . . . resolutions to promote, protect and provide for public
7 health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Tohono O'odham
8 Nation and its members" (Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, Article VI,
9 Sections 1(c)(2) and (f)); and

10 **WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Nation entered an Emergency Dispatch Services Agreement
11 with the Drexel Heights Fire District on or about August 16, 2002, which has been
12 extended annually; and

13 **WHEREAS,** the Drexel Heights Fire District is the Managing Administrative Principal of the
14 Valley Emergency Communications Center; and

15 **WHEREAS,** under the FY 2026 Valley Emergency Communications Center Subscriber Services
16 Agreement between the Tohono O'odham Nation and Drexel Heights Fire District,
17 the Valley Emergency Communications Center will provide emergency dispatch
18 services to the Tohono O'odham Nation at a cost of \$15,000.00 per quarter; and

19 **WHEREAS,** the parties have agreed to execute the Subscriber Services Agreement, which is
20 incorporated by this reference; and

21 **WHEREAS,** the Subscriber Services Agreement includes a partial waiver of sovereign
22 immunity because it requires that the parties indemnify each other; and consent
23 to the application of the laws of the State of Arizona as well as personal
24 jurisdiction in Arizona; and

25 **WHEREAS,** the Domestic Affairs Committee has reviewed the Subscriber Services Agreement
26 and recommends its approval.

27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the
28 FY 2026 Valley Emergency Communications Center Subscriber Services
29 Agreement between the Tohono O'odham Nation and Drexel Heights Fire District.

30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves a limited
31 waiver of sovereign immunity pursuant to the Subscriber Services Agreement

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that requires the parties to indemnify each other; and consent to the application of the laws of the State of Arizona as well as personal jurisdiction in Arizona.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that the Tohono O'odham Nation's Chairperson or any designated official is authorized to execute the FY 2026 Valley Emergency Communications Center Subscriber Services Agreement between the Tohono O'odham Nation and Drexel Heights Fire District substantially in the form attached hereto, provided that any amendments shall be submitted for prior approval by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council.

The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 04TH day of NOVEMBER 2025 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,321.1 FOR; -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and -0- ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and (f) 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

16th day of November, 2025

ATTEST:


Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

16 day of November, 2025

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 16th day of November, 2025 at 4:07 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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☒ 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: APPROVING FY 2026 VALLEY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER SUBSCRIBER SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION AND DREXEL HEIGHTS FIRE DISTRICT

Moved: COUNCILMAN DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III

SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN JANICE FELIX

DATE: NOVEMBER 04, 2025

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF OIDA 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. Eller) 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-