

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Authorizing Action in Response to United States Government Shutdown)**

RESOLUTION NO. 25-417

1 **WHEREAS,** the Legislative Council is vested with the responsibility and authority to promote,
2 protect, and provide for the general welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation and
3 its members (Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, Article VI, Section
4 1(c)(2); and

5 **WHEREAS,** the federal government shutdown that began on October 1, 2025, has had
6 significant repercussions, particularly for vulnerable members of the Nation,
7 and the resulting negative impacts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
8 Program ("SNAP") are an example of the direct and severe threat to food security
9 and nutrition among community members; and

10 **WHEREAS,** the economic strain that many Nation's families already face is only exacerbated
11 as the federal government shutdown continues, and the loss of federal benefits
12 can push more families into decline, contributing to a cycle of poverty; and

13 **WHEREAS,** the ongoing situation calls for urgent attention to mitigate these harmful effects,
14 and, the Legislative Council deems it necessary to declare a state of emergency for
15 the Nation; and

16 **WHEREAS,** the Nation's Chairman and Vice-Chairwoman, in consultation with the
17 Legislative Council have agreed that issuing a Declaration of State of Emergency
18 is a significant and necessary step to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the
19 Nation's members.

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council authorizes
21 the Nation's Chairman or official designee to establish and implement a plan to
22 provide emergency financial and food relief to the Nation's members and to take
23 any other steps necessary, consistent with approved budgets and resolutions or
24 existing law or executive authority, to carry out the intent of this resolution and
25 the Declaration of Emergency that was issued by Executive Order.

26 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council supports the
27 Chairman's Declaration of Emergency by Executive Order to protect vulnerable
28 members of the Nation during the extreme hardship caused by the federal
29 government shutdown.

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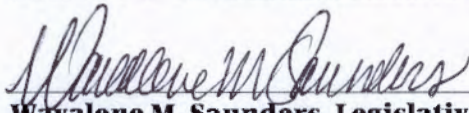
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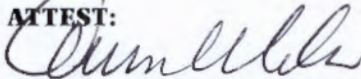
The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 13TH day of NOVEMBER 2025 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,321.1 FOR; -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [02] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) 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).

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Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

13 day of November, 2025

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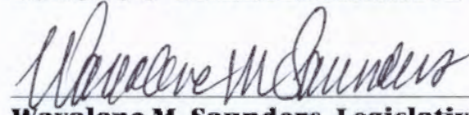


Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

13 day of November, 2025

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 13 day of November, 2025 at 7:56 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.

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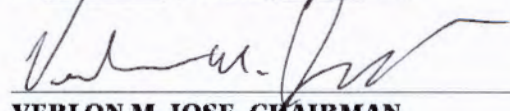

Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

☒ APPROVED

on the 13 day of November, 2025

☐ DISAPPROVED

at 3:05 o'clock, p.m.


VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

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Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 13 day of
November, 2025, at 3:19 o'clock, p.m.


Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: AUTHORIZING ACTION IN RESPONSE TO UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN**MOVED: COUNCILMAN BENNETT CHEWING****SECOND: COUNCILMAN FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA****DATE: NOVEMBER 13, 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 (Christina Andrews)	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			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 (<i>Absent</i>) (Gloria Johnson) (<i>Present</i>) 2. LUCIUS E. LOPEZ (Victoria A. Hobbs)	144.6 144.6	X X			
CHUKUT KUK 361.9	1. MARLAKAY HENRY () 2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS(<i>Absent</i>) (Cornelius Antone) (<i>Present</i>)	180.95 180.95	X 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-	[02]