

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Authorizing Submission of the Application to the United States Department of Agriculture's
Pasture, Rangeland, Forage Pilot Insurance Program for Crop Year 2026 and Approving
FY 2026 Department of Natural Resources USDA PRF Insurance Program Budget)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-422

1 **WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council is authorized to "consult, negotiate and
2 conclude agreements and contracts on behalf of the Tohono O'odham Nation..."
3 and "to manage any funds within the exclusive control of the Tohono O'odham
4 Nation... and to appropriate these funds for the benefit of the nation and its
5 members" provided that "(a)ll expenditures of these funds shall be pursuant to
6 appropriations or budgets" authorized by resolution or ordinance (Constitution
7 of the Tohono O'odham Nation, Article VI, Section 1(f) and Section 1(d)(2); and
8 **WHEREAS,** the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Pasture, Rangeland, Forage
9 Pilot Insurance Program ("PRF Insurance Program") is designated to provide
10 insurance coverage on pasture, rangeland, or forage acres using a rainfall index
11 to determine precipitation for coverage purposes, instead of measuring
12 production or loss of productions themselves (USDA PRF Insurance Program Fact
13 Sheet, available at [https://www.rma.usda.gov/en/Fact-Sheets/National-Fact-](https://www.rma.usda.gov/en/Fact-Sheets/National-Fact-Sheets/Pasture-Rangeland-Forage-Pilot-Insurance-Program)
14 [Sheets/Pasture-Rangeland-Forage-Pilot-Insurance-Program](https://www.rma.usda.gov/en/Fact-Sheets/Pasture-Rangeland-Forage-Pilot-Insurance-Program)); and
15 **WHEREAS,** coverage is based on a producer's selection of coverage level, index intervals, and
16 productivity factor, and insurance payments are determined using National
17 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Climate Prediction Center data, which
18 uses a grid system to determine precipitation amounts within an area for grids
19 and index intervals that the producer chooses to insure (USDA PRF Insurance
20 Program Fact Sheet); and
21 **WHEREAS,** by Resolution No. 17-570, Resolution No. 18-397, Resolution No. 19-430,
22 Resolution No. 22-408, Resolution No. 23-441, and Resolution No. 24-404, the
23 Legislative Council authorized the submission of the Nation's PRF Insurance
24 Program application for crop years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025,
25 and approved accompanying FY 2018, FY 2019, FY 2020, FY 2022, FY 2023, FY 2024,
26 and FY 2025 Department of Natural Resources USDA PRF Insurance Program
27 Budgets; and
28 **WHEREAS,** by Resolution No. 18-264, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council adopted the
29 Tohono O'odham Nation Range and Agriculture Fund Management Plan (the
30 "Plan"); and

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1 **WHEREAS,** pursuant to Section B.3 of the Plan, "[s]ubject to prior approval by Council and
2 provided there are sufficient funds in the Fund to cover the annual premium
3 payment, the Chairman of the Nation is authorized to apply to the USDA on behalf
4 of the Tohono O'odham Nation to participate in the PRF Insurance Program"; and

5 **WHEREAS,** in accordance with the Plan, the Nation's Treasurer has confirmed that there are
6 sufficient funds to cover the \$4,727,818.00 premium payment for crop year 2026
7 if indemnity payments do not exceed the premium payment; and

8 **WHEREAS,** the Nation's Chairman, Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee have
9 reviewed the PRF Insurance Program application for crop year 2026 and the FY
10 2026 Department of Natural Resources USDA PRF Insurance Program Budget and
11 recommend their approval; and

12 **WHEREAS,** the Nation's Budget and Finance Committee has reviewed the PRF Insurance
13 Program application for crop year 2026 and the FY 2026 Department of Natural
14 Resources USDA PRF Insurance Program Budget.

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council:

- 16 1) authorizes submission of the Nation's application for participation in the
17 USDA's PRF Insurance Program for crop year 2026 through its insurance
18 agent Redd Summit Advisors;
- 19 2) approves the FY 2026 Department of Natural Resources USDA PRF
20 Insurance Program Budget, effective October 1, 2025 through September
21 30, 2026, in the amount of \$4,727,818.00 that shall be funded by the Tohono
22 O'odham Nation Range and Agriculture Fund and indemnity revenue; and
- 23 3) grants permission for the USDA, or its representative, to audit and inspect
24 the areas insured, provided they give the Nation's Department of Natural
25 Resources Executive Director written notice five business days in advance
26 and are accompanied by a designated Nation's employee or official.

27 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council authorizes the Nation's
28 Chairman to execute, sign, and deliver all related documents, agreements, and
29 contracts for participation in the USDA's PRF Insurance Program.

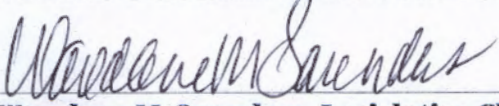
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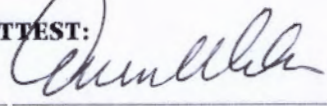
The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 21ST day of NOVEMBER 2025 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 2,231.25 FOR; 727.95 AGAINST; 361.9[01] NOT VOTING; and [03] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 1(f), and Section 1(d)(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).

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL


Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

21 day of November, 2025

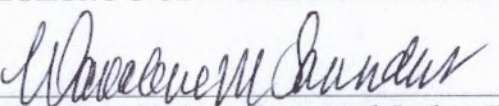
ATTEST:


Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

21 day of November, 2025

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 21 day of November, 2025 at 3:25 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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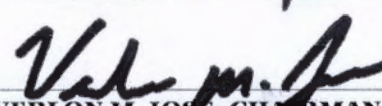

Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

☒ APPROVED

☐ DISAPPROVED

on the 21 day of November, 2025

at 3:35 o'clock, p.m.


VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

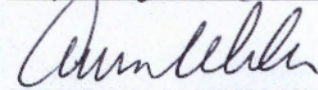
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Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 21 day of

November, 2025, at 3:39 o'clock, p.m.



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S PASTURE, RANGELAND, FORAGE PILOT INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR CROP YEAR 2026 AND APPROVING FY 2026 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES USDA PRF INSURANCE PROGRAM BUDGET

Moved: COUNCILWOMAN JANET B. ELEANDO

SECOND: COUNCILMAN ROGER MANUEL

DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 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 (<i>Absent</i>) (Nora J. Ruclas) (<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			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 (<i>Absent</i>) (Cornelius Antone) (<i>Present</i>)	180.95 180.95			X X	
BABOQUIVARI 398.9	1. JESSE NAVARRO (<i>Absent</i>) (Alberta J. Ray) (<i>Present</i>) 2. NED NORRIS, JR. (Leander Mase)	199.45 199.45	X X			X
TOTAL		3,321.1	2,231.25	727.95	361.9 [01]	[03]