

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Accepting and Approving the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. Memorandum of Agreement for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2030)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-452

1 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution of Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council with
2 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 "conclude agreements and contracts on behalf of the Tohono O'odham
5 Nation with Federal, State, and local governments or with private persons or
6 organizations on all matters within the authority of the Tohono O'odham
7 Council" (Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, Article VI, Section 1(c)(2)
8 and Section 1(f)); and

9 **WHEREAS,** funding for the Special Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children
10 ("WIC") Program is authorized by Congress through Section 17 of the "Child
11 Nutrition Act of 1966," as amended, and funds for such programs to state agencies
12 made available through the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA");
13 and

14 **WHEREAS,** the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to make grants to "state agencies" for
15 the purpose of administering a WIC program; and

16 **WHEREAS,** the definition of "state agency" includes "an Indian tribe, band or group
17 recognized by the Department of the Interior; an intertribal council or group
18 which is an authorized representative of Indian tribes, bands or groups
19 recognized by the Department of Interior and which has an ongoing relationship
20 with such tribes, bands or groups for other purposes and has contracted with
21 them to administer the Program" 7 CFR Section 246.2; and

22 **WHEREAS,** the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. ("ITCA"), as the state agency, is required
23 to enter into a written agreement with each local agency that sets forth the local
24 agency's responsibility for program operations as prescribed in Title 7 CFR
25 Subpart 246.6(b); and

26 **WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Nation has continued to serve as the local WIC agency which
27 operates the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and
28 Children; and

29 **WHEREAS,** the Health and Human Services Committee has reviewed the MOA between ITCA
30 and the Nation and recommends its approval.

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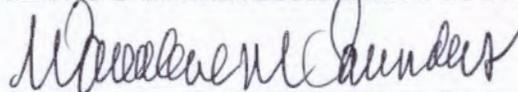
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1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council accepts and
2 **approves the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona Memorandum of agreement for the**
3 **Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children,**
4 **effective October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2030.**

5 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that the Nation's
6 **chairperson or any designed official is authorized to execute the MOA,**
7 **substantially in the form attached, and authorizes the Nation's Department of**
8 **Health and Human Services Division of Community Health Services WIC program**
9 **to implement the agreement.**

10 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 10TH**
11 **day of DECEMBER 2025 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,321.1 FOR;**
12 **-0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**
13 **Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Article VI, Section 1(f) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham**
14 **Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting**
15 **Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section**
16 **16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

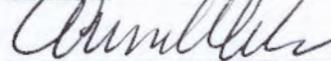
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18 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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20 **Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman**

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22 15 day of December, 2025

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27 **ATTEST:**

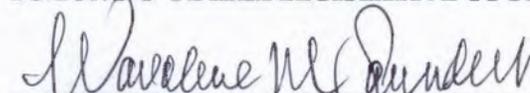
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30 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

31 12 day of December, 2025

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34 **Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono**
35 **O'odham Nation on the 15 day of December, 2025 at 9:11 o'clock, a .m.,**
36 **pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become**
37 **effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48**
38 **hours of submittal.**

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42 **Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman**

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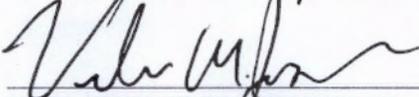
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on the 15 day of December, 2025

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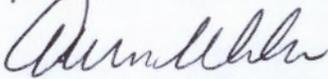
at 10:38 o'clock, P.m.



VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 16 day of

December, 2025, at 9:12 o'clock, a.m.



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF ARIZONA, INC. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR THE SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN, OCTOBER 1, 2025, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2030

MOVED: COUNCILMAN DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III

SECOND: COUNCILMAN LUCIUS E. LOPEZ

DATE: DECEMBER 10, 2025

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF OIDAK 251.2	1. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez)	125.6	X			
	2. FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA ()	125.6	X			X
SELLS 565.7	1. JANET B. ELEANDO ()	282.85	X			
	2. EVELYN JUAN MANUEL (Juan Buendia)	282.85	X			
SCHUK TOAK 195.3	1. THEORIA CAMPILLO (Rebecca Ann Valentine)	97.65	X			
	2. DELISA M. RAMON (Quintin C. Lopez)	97.65	X			
SAN XAVIER 249.8	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III ()	124.9	X			
	2. JANICE FELIX ()	124.9	X			
SAN LUCY 266.3	1. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (Lorraine M. Eiler)	133.15	X			
	2. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews)	133.15	X			
PISINEMO 240.3	1. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Nora J. Ruelas)	120.15	X			
	2. NAOMI MONTE (Edward D. Manuel)	120.15	X			
HICKIWAN 222.9	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Loretta A. Ortega)	111.45	X			
	2. DELMA M. GARCIA ()	111.45	X			
GU VO 279.6	1. LESLIE LUNA ()	139.8	X			
	2. BENNETT CHEWING ()	139.8	X			
GU ACHI 289.2	1. JEROME F. JOAQUIN (Gloria Johnson)	144.6	X			
	2. LUCIUS E. LOPEZ (Victoria A. Hobbs)	144.6	X			
CHUKUT KUK 361.9	1. MARLAKAY HENRY ()	180.95	X			
	2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone)	180.95	X			
BABOQUIVARI 398.9	1. JESSE NAVARRO (Alberta J. Ray)	199.45	X			
	2. NED NORRIS, JR. (Leander Mase)	199.45	X			
TOTAL		3,321.1	3,321.1	-0-	-0-	[01]