

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program Intergovernmental
Agreement between the Tohono O'odham Nation and the Arizona
Department of Economic Security)**

RESOLUTION NO. 25-454

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 . . . Federal, State and local governments . . . or their departments, agencies,
4 or political subdivisions . . . on all matters within the authority of the Tohono
5 O'odham Council" (Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, Article VI,
6 Section 1(f)); and

7 **WHEREAS,** the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program ("LIHEAP") is a federally
8 funded program, administered through the Arizona Department of Economic
9 Security ("AZDES"), that helps low-income households pay their heating and
10 cooling bills, minimize crises, and make energy costs more affordable; and

11 **WHEREAS,** the AZDES has proposed an Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") with the
12 Tohono O'odham Nation ("Nation") for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30,
13 2030, which will provide funding to the Nation for LIHEAP on an annual basis; and

14 **WHEREAS,** the Health and Human Services Committee has reviewed the LIHEAP IGA, which
15 is incorporated by this reference and recommends its approval.

16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the
17 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program Intergovernmental Agreement
18 between the Tohono O'odham Nation and the Arizona Department of Economic
19 Security.

20 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that the Tohono O'odham
21 Nation's Chairperson or any designated official is authorized to execute the Low-
22 Income Home Energy Assistance Program Intergovernmental Agreement
23 Amendment between the Tohono O'odham Nation and the Arizona Department
24 of Economic Security, substantially in the form attached hereto, provided that
25 any amendments shall be submitted for prior approval by the Tohono O'odham
26 Legislative Council.

27 The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 17TH
28 day of DECEMBER 2025 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,321.1 FOR;
29 -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by
30 Article VI, Section 1(f) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono
31 O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary -
32 Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934
33 (48 Stat.984).
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TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wavalene M. Saunders

Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

19 day of December, 2025

ATTEST:

Evonne Wilson

Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

18 day of December, 2025

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 19 day of December, 2025 at 8:04 o'clock, a.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

Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

APPROVED

on the 22 day of December, 2025

DISAPPROVED

at 10:54 o'clock, a.m.

Verlon M. Jose Vice Chairman on behalf of

VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN

TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 22 day of

December, 2025, at 11:05 o'clock, a.m.

Evonne Wilson

Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: APPROVING THE LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION AND THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

MOVED: COUNCILMAN DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III

SECOND: COUNCILMAN BENNETT CHEWING

DATE: DECEMBER 17, 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 | | | |
| 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 | | | 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] |