

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
(Approving FY 2026 Department of Natural Resources Rodeo and Fair  
Free Carnival Rides Budget)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-028**

1 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council is authorized "to manage any funds**  
2 **within the exclusive control of the Tohono O'odham Nation . . . and to appropriate**  
3 **these funds for the benefit of the nation and its members" provided that "[a]ll**  
4 **expenditures of these funds shall be pursuant to appropriations or budgets"**  
5 **authorized by resolution or ordinance (Constitution of the Tohono O'odham**  
6 **Nation, Article VI, Section 1(d)(2)); and**

7 **WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources has prepared and submitted for review and**  
8 **approval its FY 2026 Department of Natural Resources Rodeo and Fair Free**  
9 **Carnival Rides Budget, which is incorporated by this reference, in the amount of**  
10 **\$300,000.00 to be funded from sponsorships from the previous year and the**  
11 **Nation's general fund; and**

12 **WHEREAS, there is a remaining balance of \$28,911.00 in sponsorship funding from the**  
13 **previous Nation's Rodeo and Fair; and**

14 **WHEREAS, the Agricultural and Natural Resources and Budget and Finance Committees**  
15 **have reviewed the FY 2026 Department of Natural Resources Rodeo and Fair Free**  
16 **Carnival Rides Budget and recommend its approval.**

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the**  
18 **FY 2026 Department of Natural Resources Rodeo and Fair Free Carnival Rides**  
19 **Budget in the amount of \$300,000.00 effective October 1, 2025, which shall be**  
20 **funded by the Nation's general fund in the amount of \$271,089.00 and \$28,911.00**  
21 **in sponsorship funds from the previous year, provided that a full report shall be**  
22 **made on the FY 2026 Department of Natural Resources Rodeo and Fair Budget**  
23 **and FY 2026 Department of Natural Resources Rodeo and Fair Free Carnival Rides**  
24 **Budget expenditures within 90 days following the 2026 Tohono O'odham Nation**  
25 **Rodeo and Fair.**

26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that any subsequent**  
27 **Department of Natural Resources Rodeo and Fair Free Carnival Rides budgets**  
28 **shall use any remaining sponsorship funds to help supplement funding from the**  
29 **Nation's general or surplus funds.**

30 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that the Tohono O'odham**  
31 **Nation chairperson or any designated official is authorized to administer and**  
32 **expend the FY 2026 Rodeo and Fair Free Carnival Rides Budget, provided that any**

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amendments or modifications 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 23<sup>RD</sup>  
day of JANUARY 2026 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(d)(2) 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

23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2026

**ATTEST:**

  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

23 day of January, 2026

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono  
O'odham Nation on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2026 at 11:46 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, Legislative Chairwoman

☒ **APPROVED**

on the 23 day of January, 2026

☐ **DISAPPROVED**

at 11:47 o'clock, 2 .m.

  
VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN  
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Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 13 day of

January, 2026, at 11:48 o'clock, A.m.

Yvonne Wilson for  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

**ACTION: APPROVING FY 2026 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES RODEO AND FAIR FREE CARNIVAL RIDES BUDGET****MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN JANET B. ELEANDO****SECOND: COUNCILMAN ROGER MANUEL****DATE: JANUARY 23, 2026**

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