

**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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1 amendments or modifications shall be submitted for prior approval by the
2 Tohono O'odham Legislative Council.

3 The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 23RD
4 day of JANUARY 2026 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,321.1 FOR; -0-
5 AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and -0- ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by
6 Article VI, Section 1(d)(2) the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the
7 Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant
8 Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June
9 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).

10 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

11 Marlaah O'H, vice chair for
12 Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

13 23 day of January, 2026

14 **ATTEST:**

15 Evonne Wilson

16 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

17 23 day of January, 2026

18 Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono
19 O'odham Nation on the 23rd day of January, 2026 at 11:46 o'clock, A .m.,
20 pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become
21 effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48
22 hours of submittal.

23 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

24 Marlaah O'H, vice chair
25 Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

26 APPROVED

27 DISAPPROVED

28 on the 23 day of January, 2026
29 at 11:46 o'clock, A .m.

30 Verlon M. Jose
31 **VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN**
32 **TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION**

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4 **Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 23 day of**

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

6 *Yvonne Wilson*
7 **Yvonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

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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
SIF OIDAK 251.2	1. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (<i>Absent</i>) (Mary Lopez) (<i>Present</i>) 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			
GU VO 279.6	1. LESLIE LUNA () 2. BENNETT CHEWING ()	139.8 139.8	X X			
GUACHI 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 (Cornelius Antone)	180.95 180.95	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-	-0-