

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving the FY 2026 – FY 2028 Office of Attorney General, Office on Violence
Against Women, Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction Grant Budget)**

RESOLUTION NO. 26-035

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 United States Department of Justice ("DOJ"), Office on Violence Against
8 Women ("OVW") awarded funding to the Tohono O'odham Nation ("Nation") for a
9 period of three years beginning FY 2026 and ending FY 2028 for the purpose of
10 assisting the Nation's efforts to exercise Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction
11 ("STCJ") to prosecute non-native offenders for crimes covered by the Violence
12 Against Women Act ("VAWA"); and

13 **WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council authorized acceptance of the DOJ OVW
14 grant award by Resolution No. 25-421; and

15 **WHEREAS,** the Office of Attorney General has prepared and submitted for review and
16 approval its FY 2026 – FY 2028 OVW STCJ Grant Budget, which is incorporated by
17 this reference, in the amount of \$750,000.00 to be funded by the DOJ, OVW; and

18 **WHEREAS,** the Domestic Affairs, Health and Human Services, and Budget and Finance
19 Committees have reviewed the FY 2026 – FY 2028 Office of Attorney General OVW
20 STCJ Grant Budget and recommends approval.

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the
22 FY 2026 - FY 2028 Office of Attorney General OVW STCJ Grant Budget effective
23 October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2028, in the amount of \$750,000.00,
24 which shall be funded by the Nation's general fund, pending reimbursement
25 from the DOJ OVW.

26 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Nation's Office of Attorney General is authorized to
27 administer and expend the FY 2026 - FY 2028 Office of Attorney General OVW STCJ
28 Grant Budget, provided that any amendments or modifications shall be
29 submitted for prior approval by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council.
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The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 09TH day of FEBRUARY 2026 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 2,959,2 FOR; -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and 361.9[05] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 1(d)(2) and (3) 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
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

17TH day of February, 2026

ATTEST:

Evonne Wilson
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

13 day of February, 2026

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 17TH day of February, 2026 at 4:46 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.

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wavalene M. Saunders
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

APPROVED

on the 17 day of February, 2026

DISAPPROVED

at 5:00 o'clock, P.m.
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VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

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1 Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 18 day of

2 February, 2026, at 8:50 o'clock, a.m.

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ACTION: APPROVING THE FY 2026 – FY 2028 OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, SPECIAL TRIBAL CRIMINAL JURISDICTION GRANT BUDGET

MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN THEORIA CAMPILLO

SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN EVELYN JUAN MANUEL

DATE: FEBRUARY 09, 2026

| 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 (<i>Absent</i>) (Nora J. Ruelas) (<i>Present</i>) | 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 | | | X |
| GU ACHI 289.2 | 1. JEROME F. JOAQUIN (<i>Absent</i>) (Gloria Johnson) (<i>Present</i>) | 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 (<i>Absent</i>) (Cornelius Antone) (<i>Present</i>) | 180.95 | | | | X |
| BABOQUIVARI 398.9 | 1. JESSE NAVARRO () | 199.45 | X | | | |
| | 2. NED NORRIS, JR. (<i>Absent</i>) (Leander Mase) (<i>Present</i>) | 199.45 | X | | | |
| TOTAL | | 3,321.1 | 2,959.2 | -0- | -0- | 361.9 [05] |