

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving FY 2026 Department of Health and Human Services Apedag Program Budget)**

RESOLUTION NO. 26-054

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 Apedag Program received donations totaling \$736.41 to support the Healthy
8 Lifestyle Change to Better Health event, which included \$150.00 from Bhaji, Inc.
9 Three Points General Store and \$586.41 from Desert Diamond Casino; and

10 **WHEREAS,** in 2019, the Apedag Program was nominated by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona
11 for its commitment to community health and wellness through the Get Fit, Don't
12 Quit initiative, which resulted in the Apedag program receiving a \$10,000.00
13 award; and

14 **WHEREAS,** Resolution No. 23-270 approved the Get Fit, Don't Quit budget in the amount of
15 \$10,736.41, the sum of donations from Bhaji, Inc. Three Points General Store,
16 Desert Diamond Casino and the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona award, of which
17 \$3,381.50 has been expended, with a current remaining balance of \$7,354.91; and

18 **WHEREAS,** the Department of Health and Human Services has prepared and submitted for
19 review and approval its FY 2026 Apedag Program Budget, which is incorporated
20 by this reference, in the amount of \$50,000.00 of which \$7,354.91 is to be allocated
21 from remaining funds of the Get Fit, Don't Quit budget and \$42,645.09 shall be
22 funded by the Nation's General Fund; and.

23 **WHEREAS,** the Health and Human Services and Budget and Finance Committees have
24 reviewed the FY 2026 Department of Health and Human Services Apedag Program
25 Budget and recommend its approval.

26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the
27 FY 2026 Department of Health and Human Services Apedag Program Budget,
28 effective October 1, 2025, in the amount of \$50,000.00, which shall be funded from
29 the remaining balance of the Get Fit, Don't Quit budget, and the Nation's General
30 Fund; and

31 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that the Tohono O'odham
32 Nation chairperson or any designated official is authorized to administer and
33 expend the FY 2026 Department of Health and Human Services Apedag Program

Budget provided that any 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 11TH day of FEBRUARY 2026 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,321.1 FOR; -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [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
18TH day of February, 2026

ATTEST:

Evonne Wilson
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary
18 day of February, 2026

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 18TH day of February, 2026 at 4:55 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 19 day of February, 2026

DISAPPROVED

at 9 o'clock, A.m.

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VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

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Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 19 day of

James, 2026, at 9:40 o'clock, a.m.

Evonne Wilson

Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: APPROVING FY 2026 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES APEDAG PROGRAM BUDGET

MOVED: COUNCILMAN DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III

SECOND: COUNCILMAN LUCIUS E. LOPEZ

DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 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 (<i>Absent</i>) (Lorraine M. Eiler) (<i>Present</i>)	133.15	X			X
	2. ROGER MANUEL (<i>Absent</i>) (Christina Andrews) (<i>Present</i>)	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			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. MARLAKAV HENRY ()	180.95	X			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			X
	2. NED NORRIS, JR. (<i>Absent</i>) (Leander Masc) (<i>Present</i>)	199.45	X			
TOTAL		3,321.1	3,321.1	-0-	-0-	[05]