

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
(Approving FY 2026 Planning and Economic Development Department Children's Home  
Supplemental Construction Project Budget and Ratifying a Memorandum of Agreement  
between the Nation and Tohono O'odham Ki:Ki Association, as Amended)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-088**

1 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution vests the Legislative Council with the authority "to promote,  
2 protect and provide for public health, peace, morals, education and general  
3 welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its members" and "to manage any  
4 funds within the exclusive control of the Tohono O'odham Nation . . . and to  
5 appropriate these funds for the benefit of the nation and its members" provided  
6 that "[a]ll expenditures of these funds shall be pursuant to appropriations or  
7 budgets" authorized by resolution or ordinance (Constitution, Article VI, Section  
8 1(c)(2) and Section 1(d)(2)); and

9 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution also authorizes the Legislative Council to "consult, negotiate and  
10 conclude agreements and contracts on behalf of the Tohono O'odham Nation  
11 with Federal, State and local governments and other Indian tribes or their  
12 departments, agencies, or political subdivisions, or with private persons or  
13 organizations on all matters within the authority of the Tohono O'odham  
14 Council" (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(f)); and

15 **WHEREAS,** by Resolution No. 21-121, the Legislative Council supported a permanent  
16 Children's Home Project with the goal of establishing a children's home within  
17 the Nation's lands for children in need of supportive housing and care; and

18 **WHEREAS,** by Resolution No. 23-311, the Legislative Council accepted HUD's Community  
19 Project Funding Grant for design and development of the Children's Home and  
20 approved the FY 2023 Planning and Economic Development Department's  
21 Children's Home Pre-construction Project Budget in the amount of \$750,000; and

22 **WHEREAS,** the Nation was awarded \$6,000,000 with an effective date of January 20, 2023  
23 through September 30, 2026 from the United States Department of the Treasury,  
24 Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund for construction of the Children's  
25 Home; and

26 **WHEREAS,** by Resolution No. 23-434, the Legislative Council accepted the United States  
27 Department of the Treasury, FY 2023-FY 2026 Local Assistance and Tribal  
28 Consistency Fund Award and approved the FY 2023 Planning and Economic  
29 Development Department, Children's Home Construction Project Budget, in the  
30 amount of \$6,000,000 to be funded by the United States Department of the  
31 Treasury, Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund, and authorized the

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1 Nation's chairperson or any designated official to administer and expend the  
2 budget; and  
3 **WHEREAS,** on July 3, 2024, the Nation's chairman and TOKA executed an MOA for the  
4 management and construction of the Children's Home, but the MOA was not  
5 submitted to or approved by the Legislative Council as required by the Nation's  
6 Contracting and Procurement Authority law, 26 T.O.C. Chapter 1, Article 4; and  
7 **WHEREAS,** construction of the Children's Home is scheduled to be completed by May, 2026,  
8 but an additional \$3,656,626.00 is required to complete the construction  
9 \$3,443,622.00 is required for the shortfall of construction costs, and, \$213,004.00  
10 is required for the Boundary Fencing and the Video Surveillance System for the  
11 Children's Home buildings; and  
12 **WHEREAS,** the Nation's Planning and Economic Development Department has prepared and  
13 submitted for review and approval its FY 2026 Children's Home Supplemental  
14 Construction Project Budget, which is incorporated by this reference, in the  
15 amount of \$3,656,626.00; and  
16 **WHEREAS,** it is in the Nation's best interests to ratify, as amended, the MOA with TOKA,  
17 effective retroactively July 3, 2024; and  
18 **WHEREAS,** the Housing, Appropriations, Budget and Finance, Health and Human Services  
19 and Commerce Committees have reviewed the FY 2026 Children's Home  
20 Supplemental Construction Project Budget and the amended MOA and  
21 recommend approval.  
22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the  
23 FY 2026 Children's Home Supplemental Construction Project Budget, effective  
24 October 1, 2025 in the amount of \$3,656,626.00, which shall be funded by the  
25 Nation's General Fund.  
26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that it ratifies the MOA  
27 with TOKA, as amended, retroactively effective July 3, 2024.  
28 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that the Tohono O'odham  
29 chairperson or any designated official is authorized to administer and expend  
30 the FY 2026 Children's Home Supplemental Construction Project Budget,  
31 provided that any amendments or modifications shall be submitted for prior  
32 approval by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council.

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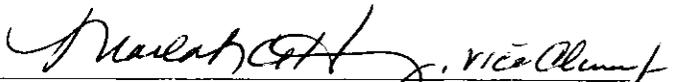
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The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 04<sup>TH</sup> day of MARCH 2026 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,321.1 FOR; -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [03] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 1(c)(2), (d)(2) and Section 1(f) 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, Legislative Chairwoman

11<sup>TH</sup> day of March, 2026

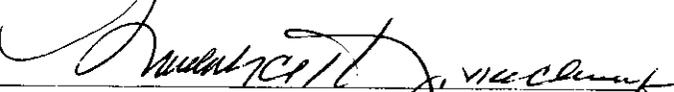
ATTEST:

  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

10 day of March, 2026

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 11<sup>TH</sup> day of March, 2026 at 11:29 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.

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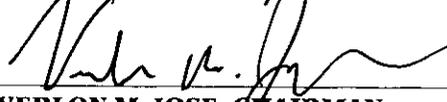
  
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

APPROVED

on the 11 day of March, 2026

DISAPPROVED

at 4:52 o'clock, P.m.

  
VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN  
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

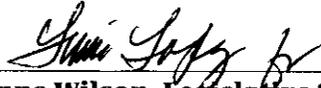
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Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 11 day of

March, 2026, at 4:57 o'clock, P.m.



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

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**ACTION: APPROVING FY 2026 PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT CHILDREN'S HOME SUPPLEMENTAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT BUDGET AND RATIFYING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NATION AND TOHONO O'ODHAM KI-KI ASSOCIATION, AS AMENDED**

**MOVED: COUNCILMAN ROGER MANUEL**

**SECOND: COUNCILMAN NED NORRIS, JR.**

**DATE: MARCH 04, 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			
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 ( <i>Absent</i> ) (Rebecca Ann Valentine) ( <i>Present</i> )	97.65	X			X
	2. DELISA M. RAMON (Quintin C. Lopez)	97.65	X			
SAN XAVIER 249.8	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III ( )	124.9	X			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. Ruclas)	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			
GU ACHI 289.2	1. GLORIA JOHNSON ( )	144.6	X			
	2. LUCIUS E. LOPEZ ( <i>Absent</i> ) (Victoria A. Hobbs) ( <i>Absent</i> )	144.6	X			
CHUKUT KUK 361.9	1. MARLAKAY HENRY ( )	180.95	X			
	2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS ( <i>Absent</i> ) (Cornelius Antone) ( <i>Absent</i> )	180.95	X			X
BABOQUIVARI 398.9	1. JESSE NAVARRO ( )	199.45	X			
	2. NED NORRIS, JR. (Leander Mase)	199.45	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,321.1</b>	<b>3,321.1</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>[03]</b>