

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving FY 2027 Department of Education Head Start Budgets)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-282

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

7 **WHEREAS,** the Department of Education has prepared and submitted for review and
8 approval its FY 2027 Head Start Budgets, which are incorporated by this
9 reference in the amounts of \$1,891,254.42, \$23,205.00, and \$376,968.58 for a total
10 amount of \$2,291,428.00 to be funded from the Nation's general fund pending
11 reimbursement from the grantor, the United States Department of Health and
12 Human Services; and

13 **WHEREAS,** the Human Resources Development and Budget and Finance Committees have
14 reviewed the FY 2027 Department of Education Head Start Budgets and
15 recommend its approval.

16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the
17 FY 2027 Department of Education Head Start Budgets effective November 1, 2026
18 through October 31, 2027 in amount of \$2,291,428.00, which shall be funded by
19 the Nation's general fund pending reimbursement from the grantor, the United
20 States Department of Health and Human Services.

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in the event of a federal Continuing Resolution, the program
22 shall limit spending to only essential program services, functions, and activities;
23 and the Nation shall seek reimbursement of all funds the Nation expends for
24 continuation of United States Department of Health and Human Services Grant.

25 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that the Tohono
26 O'odham Nation chairperson or any designated official is authorized to
27 administer and expend the FY 2027 Department of Education Head Start
28 Budgets, provided that any amendments or modifications shall be submitted for
29 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 SEPTEMBER 2026 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,321.1 FOR; -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council 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).

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Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

18 day of September, 2026

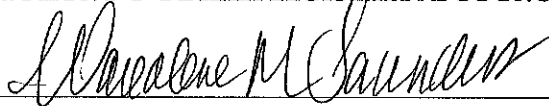
ATTEST:


Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

18 day of September, 2026

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 18 day of September, 2026 at 7:07 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.

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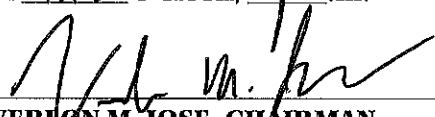

Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

☒ **APPROVED**

on the 21 day of September, 2026

☐ **DISAPPROVED**

at 9:18 o'clock, p.m.


VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

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Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 22 day of

September, 2026, at 11:13 o'clock, a.m.

Evonne Wilson
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: APPROVING FY 2027 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HEAD START BUDGETS**MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN JANICE FELIX****SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN DELISA M. RAMON****DATE: SEPTEMBER 09, 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 (Dionne Kuth-Le)	125.6 125.6	X 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			
GU ACHI 289.2	1. GLORIA JOHNSON (Rodney T. Aguilla) 2. LUCIUS E. LOPEZ (Victoria A. Hobbs)	144.6 144.6	X X			
CHUKUT KUK 361.9	1. MARLAKAY HENRY () 2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS <i>(Absent)</i> (Cornelius Antone) <i>(Present)</i>	180.95 180.95	X X			
BABOQUIVARI 398.9	1. JESSE NAVARRO () 2. NED NORRIS, JR. (Leander Masc)	199.45 199.45	X X			
TOTAL		3,321.1	3,321.1	-0-	-0-	[01]