

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving the Publication of the 2024 Tohono O'odham Nation Regional
Needs and Assets Report)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-329

1 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Tohono O'odham
2 Legislative with the authority to "promote, protect and provide for public health,
3 peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation
4 and its members . . ." and to "consult, negotiate and conclude agreements and
5 contracts on behalf of the Tohono O'odham Nation with Federal, State and local
6 governments and other Indian tribes or their departments, agencies, or
7 political subdivisions, or with private persons or organizations on all matters
8 within the authority of the Tohono O'odham Council" (Constitution, Article VI,
9 Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(f)); and

10 **WHEREAS,** First Things First ("FTF") was established in 2006 by the voter approved Arizona
11 Early Childhood Development and Health Initiative; and

12 **WHEREAS,** FTF is an essential leader and partner in creating a family-centered, equitable,
13 high-quality early childhood system that supports the development, well-being,
14 health and education of all Arizona's children, birth to age 5; and

15 **WHEREAS,** FTF designates regions covering the entire state, with each region having a
16 regional partnership council to carry out the roles and responsibilities as
17 defined in the FTF statutes (see A.R.S. Title 8, Chapter 13), and tribes with lands
18 located in the state may participate in the designated geographical region in
19 which their lands are located or elect to have their lands treated as a separate
20 region under the Initiative (see A.R.S. § 8-1164), and therefore the Tohono
21 O'odham Nation is located in the region represented by the Tohono O'odham
22 Nation Regional Partnership Council (the "Regional Council"); and

23 **WHEREAS,** the Regional Council is responsible for conducting an assessment of the needs
24 and assets of the Tohono O'odham Nation Region (referred to as "Needs and
25 Assets Reports") to utilize as a resource in the development of the Regional
26 Council's strategic direction and annual funding plan for young children age
27 zero through five; and

28 **WHEREAS,** FTF completed the 2024 Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Needs and Assets
29 Report using only publicly available federal and state data sources and is now
30 seeking permission to publish the report; and

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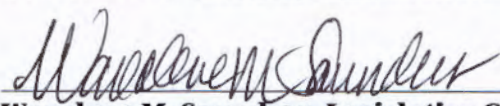
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1 **WHEREAS, the Human Resources Development and Health and Human Services**
2 **Committees have reviewed the 2024 Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Needs**
3 **and Assets Report and the Regional Council's request to publish and**
4 **recommend approval.**

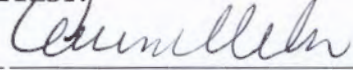
5 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the**
6 **First Things First Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council to**
7 **publish, disseminate, and use the 2024 Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Needs**
8 **and Assets Report, including the collected unidentified data and information in**
9 **other products/publications (such as fact sheets, annual reports, etc.) in printed**
10 **or electronic format for the purposes of describing the needs of young children**
11 **and the work of First Things First in the Tohono O'odham Nation Region without**
12 **seeking further approval, unless additional data analysis is completed or**
13 **additional conclusions are drawn.**

14 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 21ST**
15 **day of SEPTEMBER 2026 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 1,718.25**
16 **FOR; 1,037.15 AGAINST; 565.7 [05] NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested**
17 **in the Council by Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(f) of the Constitution of the Tohono**
18 **O'odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved**
19 **by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986,**
20 **pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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23 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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27 **Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman**
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29 28 day of September, 2026
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32 **ATTEST:**

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35 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**
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37 28 day of September, 2026
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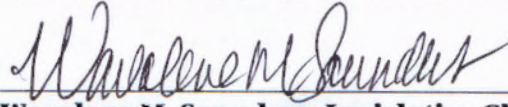
39 **Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono**
40 **O'odham Nation on the 28 day of September, 2026 at 3:08 o'clock, P.m.,**
41 **pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become**
42 **effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48**
43 **hours of submittal.**
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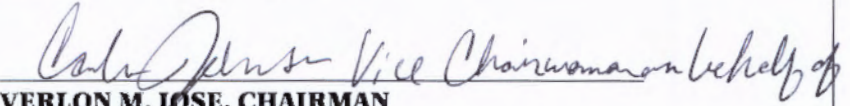
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

☒ APPROVED

on the 30 day of September, 2026

☐ DISAPPROVED

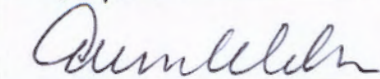
at 5:28 o'clock, p.m.



VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 30 day of

September, 2026, at 4:00 o'clock, p.m.



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: APPROVING THE PUBLICATION OF THE 2024 TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION REGIONAL NEEDS AND ASSETS REPORT**MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN GLORIA JOHNSON****SECOND: COUNCILMAN DANIEL L.A. PRESTON, III****DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2026**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF OIDAK 251.2	1. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez) 2. FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA (Dionne Kuth-Le)	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	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		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		X	
CHUKUT KUK 361.9	1. MARLAKAY HENRY () 2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone)	180.95 180.95	X X			X
BABOQUIVARI 398.9	1. JESSE NAVARRO () 2. NED NORRIS, JR. (Leander Mase)	199.45 199.45	X	X		
TOTAL		3,321.1	1,718.25	1,037.15	565.7 [05]	[01]