

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Appropriating Funds to Baboquivari Unified School District for Year 4 of Phase II of the
Tohono O'odham Culture and Language Program for the 2025-2026 School Year)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-330

1 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council
2 with the authority to "consult, negotiate and conclude agreements and
3 contracts on behalf of the Tohono O'odham Nation with Federal, State and local
4 governments" and "to promote, protect and provide for public health, peace,
5 morals, education and general welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its
6 members" (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(f) and Section 1(c)(2)); and
7 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution also vests the Legislative Council with the authority to "manage
8 any funds within the exclusive control of the Tohono O'odham Nation . . . and to
9 appropriate these funds for the benefit of the nation and its members"
10 (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(d)(2)); and
11 **WHEREAS,** Baboquivari Unified School District ("BUSD") is a public school district located
12 within the Nation that serves 1,200 students in grades preschool through grade
13 12; and
14 **WHEREAS,** by Resolution No. 21-242, the Legislative Council approved the
15 "Intergovernmental Agreement between Baboquivari Unified School District
16 and the Tohono O'odham Nation for the Joint Provision of Tohono O'odham
17 Language and Culture Instruction," which was subsequently amended by
18 Resolution No. 22-236 as the "Amended and Restated Intergovernmental
19 Agreement Between Baboquivari Unified School District and the Tohono
20 O'odham Nation for Joint Provisions of Language and Culture Instruction"
21 ("Agreement"); and
22 **WHEREAS,** the BUSD Tohono O'odham Culture and Language Program ("Program")
23 supports the employment of twelve language and culture teachers and a
24 program director to provide Tohono O'odham language and instruction in BUSD
25 schools; and
26 **WHEREAS,** by Resolution Nos. 21-242, 22-326, 23-340, and 25-146, the Legislative Council
27 appropriated funds for BUSD school years 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and
28 2024-2025; and
29 **WHEREAS,** BUSD has submitted a proposal, which is incorporated by this reference, to
30 proceed with the appropriation of funding for the Year 4 of Phase II in the
31 amount of \$14,514.67 from the Nation to fund six Tohono O'odham language
32 teacher positions for the BUSD 2025-2026 school year; and

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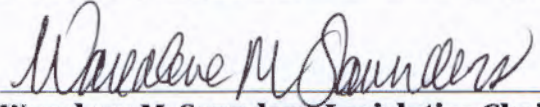
1 **WHEREAS, the Human Resources Development, Cultural Preservation, and Budget and**
2 **Finance Committees have reviewed the request for appropriations from BUSD**
3 **for Year 4 of Phase II of the Program and recommend approval.**

4 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council**
5 **appropriates \$14,514.67 from the Nation's general fund to the Baboquivari**
6 **Unified School District for Year 4 of Phase II of the Tohono O'odham Culture and**
7 **Language Program for the 2025-2026 school year with the express goal of**
8 **language revitalization, provided that the Baboquivari Unified School District**
9 **will continue to gather and present annual data of the ongoing progress of the**
10 **Tohono O'odham Culture and Language Program.**

11 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that the Nation and**
12 **Baboquivari Unified School District agree to continue the "Amended and**
13 **Restated Intergovernmental Agreement between Baboquivari Unified School**
14 **District and the Tohono O'odham Nation for the Joint Provision of Language and**
15 **Culture Instruction" for the BUSD 2025-2026 school year.**

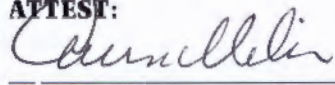
16 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 21ST**
17 **day of SEPTEMBER 2026 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,187.95**
18 **FOR; 133.15 AGAINST; [01] NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the**
19 **Council by Article VI, Section 1(c)(2), Section 1(d)(2), and Section 1(f) of the Constitution of the**
20 **Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and**
21 **approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6,**
22 **1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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25 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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28 **Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman**

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31 18 day of September, 2026

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35 **ATTEST:**

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38 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

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40 20 day of September, 2026

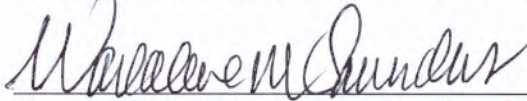
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Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 30 day of September, 2026 at 3:08 o'clock, P.m., pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of submittal.

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL



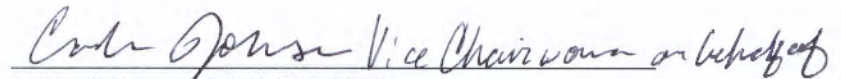
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

☒ **APPROVED**

on the 30 day of September, 2026

☐ **DISAPPROVED**

at 2:29 o'clock, P.m.

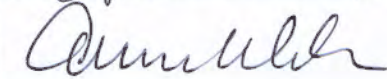


VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN

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: APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO BABOQUIVARI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR YEAR 4 OF PHASE II OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM CULTURE AND LANGUAGE PROGRAM FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN JANICE FELIX

SECOND: COUNCILMAN JESSE NAVARRO

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. Eller) 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		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 (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	3,187.95	133.15	[01]	[01]