LEGISLATIVE ORDER OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

(Acknowledging and Accepting Inability of Former Council Representatives to Repay Amounts Under Legislative Order No. 03-370 "Adopting Legislative Council Rules Committee Recommendation for Quarterly Reports by the Administration regarding Outstanding Travel Per Diem for the Legislative Branch")

LEGISLATIVE ORDER NO. 26-374

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council with the authority to "establish rules and procedures to regulate all meetings of the Tohono O'odham Council, standing committees, boards and special committees" and to "elect from among its own membership a chairman and vice-chairman" (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(a) and Article V, Section 4); and

WHEREAS, by Legislative Order No. 26-172, the Legislative Council addressed a long-standing issue commonly referred to as "travel dollars owed," by commending former Council representatives repaying the outstanding amounts and calling upon other former Council representatives to resolve the matter before June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, since 2003, the Legislative Council has significantly improved the Legislative Branch Travel Policy to require fiscal transparency and accountability, and since 2023, the Council has required continuous, monthly reports of the previous month's travel and the status of traveler; and

WHEREAS, since 2023, the Legislative Branch Travel Policy has required the Legislative Council officers to deny any future travel requests for a Council representative or member of staff who previously violated the Travel Policy; and

WHEREAS, from 2003 to 2011, the Legislative Branch looked for documents related to business travel from 1996-2002, but in 2011, after the Legislative Branch's independent auditors provided recommendations, the Legislative Council declared that the audit directed by Legislative Order No. 03-372 could not be performed "due to the lack of documentation" because the Council officers in place did not enforce or implement a uniform recordkeeping process (Legislative Order No. 11-187); and

WHEREAS, also in 2011, the Legislative Council approved Legislative Order No. 11-190, approving that reports generated pursuant to Legislative Order No. 03-370 not include information concerning deceased Legislative Council representatives; and

WHEREAS, **from 2003 to 2011, the Legislative Council officers in office at that time attempted to resolve the outstanding balances reported on a quarterly basis in accordance with Legislative Order No. 03-370 "Adopting Legislative Council Rules Committee Recommendation for Quarterly Reports by the Administration regarding Outstanding Travel Per Diem for the Legislative Branch," but after years of searching for documentation and approval of Legislative Order No. 11-187 "Declaring That Audit Directed By Legislative Order No. 03-372 Cannot Be Performed," the Council officers proposed repealing Legislative Order No. 03-370, acknowledging that during the time period when the outstanding travel per diem reports were initially generated, the Legislative Council administration did not keep accurate records of expenditures and expenditures that were authorized were not adequately accounted for through proper documentation; and**

WHEREAS, **30 years have passed since the Legislative Council adopted the 1996 Legislative Branch Internal Travel Policy, which did not require repayment of any outstanding travel funds; and**

WHEREAS, **after Council approved Legislative Order No. 26-172 "Commending Former Legislative Council Representatives for Repaying Amounts in Accordance with Legislative Order No. 03-370," Chairwoman Wavalene Saunders and Vice Chairwoman Marlakay Henry continued to confer with the Budget and Finance and Rules Committees to discuss a recommended path to conclude the requirements of Legislative Order No. 03-370 "Adopting Legislative Council Rules Committee Recommendation for Quarterly Reports by the Administration regarding Outstanding Travel Per Diem for the Legislative Branch"; and**

WHEREAS, **in the best interests of the Nation, Chairwoman Wavalene Saunders, Vice Chairwoman Marlakay Henry, and the Budget and Finance and Rules Committees recommend:**

(1) affirming Legislative Order No. 11-190 "Removing Names of Deceased from Reports Required by Legislative Order No. 03-370";

(2) affirming Legislative Order No. 26-172 "Commending Former Legislative Council Representatives for Repaying Amounts in Accordance with Legislative Order No. 03-370," and commending former Legislative Council Representative David Garcia, from Chukut Kuk District, for repaying $1,100.00 as of September 30, 2026 in good faith and closing out his remaining balance of $2,397.27 and former Legislative Council Representative Lucille Campillo a/k/a Encinas, from Sells District, for repaying $2,400.00 as of September 30, 2026 in good faith and closing out her remaining balance of $5,094.72, for a total close out of $7,491.99;

(3) commending former Council Representative Frances G. Antone, from Baboquivari District, for repaying the entire amount of $1,497.00 in good faith;

(4) acknowledging and accepting the inability of the remaining former Council representatives to repay amounts in good faith under Legislative Order No. 03-370 "Adopting Legislative Council Rules Committee Recommendation for Quarterly Reports by the Administration regarding Outstanding Travel Per Diem for the Legislative Branch" as follows:

(a) Michael Flores, Gu Vo District, with an outstanding balance of $1,091.70;
(b) Emilio Lewis, Gu Vo District, with an outstanding balance of $103.00;
(c) Albert Manuel, Jr., San Lucy District, with an outstanding balance of $2,515.26;
(d) Joseph Juan, Schuk Toak District, with an outstanding balance of 3,355.42;
(e) John Reno, San Lucy District, with an outstanding balance of $7,586.64;
(f) Joseph Burrell, San Xavier District, with an outstanding balance of $10,844.52;

(g) Rita Wilson a/k/a Martinez, Sif Oidak District, with an outstanding balance of $8,827.40;

(h) Shirley Molina a/k/a Santos, Hickiwan District, with an outstanding balance of $2,725.70;

(i) Mary N. Lopez (formerly Mary Flores), Schuk Toak District, with an outstanding balance of $1,359.00;

(j) Frances Miguel, Baboquivari District, with an outstanding balance of $15,629.60; and

(k) with a total outstanding balance of $54,038.24;

(5) reaffirming that since 2003, the Legislative Council has significantly improved the Legislative Branch Travel Policy to require fiscal transparency and accountability, and since 2023, the Council has required continuous, monthly reports of the previous month's travel and the status of traveler;

(6) reaffirming that since 2023, the Legislative Branch Travel Policy has required the Legislative Council officers to deny any future travel requests for a Council representative or member of staff who previously violated the Travel Policy;

(7) directing the Council officers to present a FY 2027 Legislative Branch budget amendment to deduct $61,530.23 from travel line items in the FY 2027 Legislative Branch Budget; and

(8) that if the budget amendment is approved by the Legislative Council, declaring that the issues under Legislative Order No. 03-370 "Adopting Legislative Council Rules Committee Recommendation for Quarterly Reports by the Administration regarding Outstanding Travel Per Diem for the Legislative Branch" are closed out and resolved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that it:

(1) affirms Legislative Order No. 11-190 "Removing Names of Deceased from Reports Required by Legislative Order No. 03-370"; and

(2) affirms Legislative Order No. 26-172 "Commending Former Legislative Council Representatives for Repaying Amounts in Accordance with Legislative Order No. 03-370," and commending former Legislative Council Representative David Garcia, from Chukut Kuk District, for repaying $1,100.00 as of September 30, 2026 in good faith and closing out his remaining balance of $2,397.27 and former Legislative Council Representative Lucille Campillo a/k/a Encinas, from Sells District, for repaying $2,400.00 as of September 30, 2026 in good faith and closing out her remaining balance of $5,094.72, for a total close out of $7,491.99;

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(5) reaffirms that since 2003, the Legislative Council has significantly improved the Legislative Branch Travel Policy to require fiscal transparency and accountability, and since 2023, the Council has required continuous, monthly reports of the previous month's travel and the status of traveler;

(6) reaffirms that since 2023, the Legislative Branch Travel Policy has required the Legislative Council officers to deny any future travel requests for a Council representative or member of staff who previously violated the Travel Policy;

(7) directs the Council officers to present a FY 2027 Legislative Branch budget amendment to deduct $61,530.23 from travel line items in the FY 2027 Legislative Branch Budget; and

(8) if the budget amendment is approved by the Legislative Council, declaring that the issues under Legislative Order No. 03-370 "Adopting Legislative Council Rules Committee Recommendation for Quarterly Reports by the

Administration regarding Outstanding Travel Per Diem for the Legislative Branch" are closed out and resolved.

The foregoing Order was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 13TH day of OCTOBER, 2026 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 2,515.45 FOR; 805.65 AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [04] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article V, Section 4 and Article VI, Section 1(a) 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

19th **day of** October **, 2026**

ATTEST:

Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

19 **day of** October **, 2026**

LEGISLATIVE ORDER NO. 26-374

ACTION: **ACKNOWLEDGING AND ACCEPTING INABILITY OF FORMER COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO REPAY AMOUNTS UNDER LEGISLATIVE ORDER NO. 03-370 "ADOPTING LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RULES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR QUARTERLY REPORTS BY THE ADMINISTRATION REGARDING OUTSTANDING TRAVEL PER DIEM FOR THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH"**

MOVED: **COUNCILWOMAN EVELYN JUAN MANUEL** **SECOND: VICE CHAIRWOMAN MARLAKAY HENRY**

DATE: **OCTOBER 13, 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 (Dionne Kuth-Le)	125.6	X			
SELLS 565.7	1. JANET B. ELEANDO ( )	282.85	X			
	2. EVELYN JUAN MANUEL (Juan Buendia)	282.85	X			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			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. Ruelas)	120.15		X		
	2. NAOMI MONTE (Edward D. Manuel)	120.15	X			X
HICKIWAN 222.9	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Loretta A. Ortega)	111.45		X		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 (Rodney T. Aquilla)	144.6	X			
	2. LUCIUS E. LOPEZ (Victoria A. Hobbs)	144.6	X			
CHUKUT KUK 361.9	1. MARLAKAY HENRY ( )	180.95	X			
	2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone)	180.95		X		
BABOQUIVARI 398.9	1. JESSE NAVARRO ( )	199.45	X			
	2. NED NORRIS, JR (Leander Mase)	199.45	X			
	TOTAL	3,321.1	2,515.45	805.65	-0-	[04]