

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**(Authorizing Tohono O'odham Nation Department of Health and Human Services**  
**Division of Food Distribution Program to participate in the Food Distribution**  
**Program on Indian Reservations Self-Determination Demonstration Project**  
**solicited by the Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-203**

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

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

13 **WHEREAS,** the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 authorized the Department of  
14 Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to solicit proposals from  
15 eligible Tribal Organizations that seek to participate in a demonstration project  
16 to purchase agricultural commodities under the Food Distribution Program on  
17 Indian Reservations (FDPIR); and

18 **WHEREAS,** the demonstration project supports tribal sovereignty and self-governance by  
19 allowing Tribal Organizations, rather than USDA, to procure FDPIR food, which  
20 includes traditional tribal foods; and

21 **WHEREAS,** Tribal Organizations will be selected to participate in the demonstration project  
22 on a competitive basis and funding will be awarded to successful applicants by  
23 USDA through self-determination contracts with FNS; and

24 **WHEREAS,** USDA will grant a total of \$3,000,000.00 spread across at least 2 Tribal  
25 Organizations; and

26 **WHEREAS,** the Nation's Department of Health and Human Services Family Assistance  
27 Division Food Distribution Program is an eligible Tribal Organization and it  
28 submitted a Self-Determination Project Proposal to participate in the  
29 demonstration project on January 31, 2023; and  
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1 **WHEREAS, participation in the demonstration project would strengthen the Nation's**  
2 **sovereignty and right to self-govern, and would also improve the general welfare**  
3 **of the Nation's Members; and**

4 **WHEREAS, the Nation's Department of Health and Human Services Family Assistance**  
5 **Division Food Distribution Program submitted the Self-Determination Project**  
6 **Proposal by means of support and approval of the Budget Office and Grants and**  
7 **Contracts; and**

8 **WHEREAS, the Self-Determination Project Proposal seeks \$1,497,231.00 in total funding**  
9 **from USDA between June 2023 and May 2026; and**

10 **WHEREAS, the Health and Human Services Committee has reviewed the FDPIR Self-**  
11 **Determination Demonstration Project Proposal and recommend its approval.**

12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the**  
13 **FDPIR Self-Determination Demonstration Project Proposal and authorizes the**  
14 **Tohono O'odham Nation DHHS Food Distribution Program to participate in the**  
15 **FDPIR Self-Determination Demonstration Project, provided that any further**  
16 **amendments or modifications to the proposal or contract, shall be submitted for**  
17 **prior approval by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council.**

18 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
19 **day of MAY, 2023 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 2,947.3 FOR;**  
20 **-0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and 270.7 [06] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the**  
21 **Council by, Article VI, Section 1(d),(f) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted**  
22 **by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy**  
23 **Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the**  
24 **Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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26 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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30 **Alberta J. Ray, Legislative Vice Chairwoman**

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32 26 day of May, 2023

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34 **ATTEST:**  
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37 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

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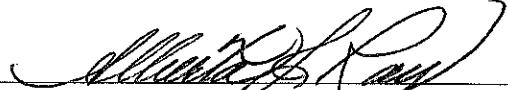
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Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 30 day of May, 2023 at 4:03 o'clock, P .m., pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of submittal.

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

  
Alberta J. Ray, Legislative Vice Chairwoman

APPROVED

on the 30 day of May, 2023

DISAPPROVED

at 1:15 o'clock, P .m.

  
NED NORRIS, JR., CHAIRMAN  
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 30 day of

May, 2023, at 3:18 o'clock, P .m.

  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

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**ACTION:** AUTHORIZING TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS SELF-DETERMINATION DEMONSTRATION PROJECT SOLICITED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE

**MOVED:** COUNCILMAN DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III

**SECOND:** COUNCILWOMAN EVELYN JUAN MANUEL

**DATE:** MAY 25, 2023

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF OIDAK 245.6	1. MARY LOPEZ (Ann M. Garcia)	122.8	X			
	2. LUCINDA ALLEN (Francis Homewytewa)	122.8	X			
SELLS 556.5	1. ARTHUR WILSON (Shelia Espino)	278.25	X			
	2. EVELYN JUAN MANUEL (Arvada Liston)	278.25	X			
SCHUK TOAK 190.5	1. TERESA F. DONAHUE (Alberta Espinoza)	95.25	X			
	2. DELISA M. RAMON (Sharon A. Francisco)	95.25	X			
SAN XAVIER 242.6	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III (Racheal Vilson-Stoner)	121.3	X			
	2. JANICE FELIX ( )	121.3	X			X
SAN LUCY 243.8	1. JANA MONTANA (Lorraine M. Eiler)	121.9	X			X
	2. ROGER MANUEL <i>(Absent)</i> (Christina Andrews) <i>(Present)</i>	121.9	X			
PISINEMO 232.7	1. MARIETTA MARTIN ( )	116.35	X			X
	2. EDWARD D. MANUEL (Monica Morgan)	116.35	X			
HICKIWAN 216.6	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ ( )	108.3	X			X
	2. DELMAM. GARCIA ( )	108.3	X			
GU VO 270.7	1. GRACE MANUEL ( )	135.35				X
	2. CYNTHIA SAAVEDRA <i>(Absent)</i> (Dallas Lewis) <i>(Present)</i>	135.35				X
GU ACHI 278.5	1. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN ( )	139.25	X			
	2. VICTORIA HOBBS (Tonya L. Joaquin)	139.25	X			
CHUKUT KUK 351.6	1. MARLAKAY HENRY (Billman Lopez)	175.8	X			
	2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone)	175.8	X			
BABOQUIVARI 388.9	1. ALBERTA J. RAY (Frances G. Antone)	194.45	X			
	2. LEANDER MASE <i>(Absent)</i> (Francine Schooling) <i>(Present)</i>	194.45	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,218.0</b>	<b>2,947.3</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>270.7</b>
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