

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
(Appropriating Funds to Baboquivari Unified School District for Year 2 of  
Phase II of the Tohono O'odham Culture and Language Program)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-340**

1 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council with  
2 the authority to "consult, negotiate and conclude agreements and contracts on  
3 behalf of the Tohono O'odham Nation with Federal, State and local governments"  
4 and "to promote, protect and provide for public health, peace, morals, education  
5 and general welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its members"  
6 (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 and  
16 the Tohono O'odham Nation for the Joint Provision of Language and Culture  
17 Instruction" and appropriated funds for Phase I of the Tohono O'odham Culture  
18 and Language Program ("Program") in the amount of \$261,787.50 to fund salaries  
19 and benefits for a culture and language director and two culture and language  
20 teachers during the BUSD 2021-2022 school year; and  
21 **WHEREAS,** by Resolution No. 22-326, the Legislative Council approved the "Amended and  
22 Restated Intergovernmental Agreement between Baboquivari Unified School  
23 District and the Tohono O'odham Nation for the Joint Provision of Language and  
24 Culture Instruction" and appropriated funds for Year 1 of Phase II of the Program  
25 in the amount of \$278,386.62 for the BUSD 2022-2023 school year; and  
26 **WHEREAS,** by Resolution No. 22-326, the Legislative Council further resolved that BUSD may  
27 request funding for the BUSD 2023-2024 school year, provided that any unused  
28 appropriated Nation's funds from the BUSD 2022-2023 school year be carried  
29 over and applied to the Nation's obligation for the BUSD 2023-2024 school year;  
30 and

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1 **WHEREAS, BUSD requests to proceed to Year 2 of Phase II of the Program with an**  
2 **appropriation in the amount of \$274,364.50 from the Nation for the BUSD 2023-**  
3 **2024 school year; and**

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

7 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council appropriates**  
8 **\$274,364.50 from the Nation's general fund to the Baboquivari Unified School**  
9 **District for Year 2 of Phase II of the Tohono O'odham Culture and Language**  
10 **Program for the 2023-2024 school year with the express goal of language**  
11 **revitalization, provided that the Baboquivari Unified School District will**  
12 **continue to gather and present annual data of the ongoing progress of the Tohono**  
13 **O'odham Culture and Language Program.**

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that the Nation and**  
15 **Baboquivari Unified School District agree to continue the "Amended and**  
16 **Restated Intergovernmental Agreement between Baboquivari Unified School**  
17 **District and the Tohono O'odham Nation for the Joint Provision of Language and**  
18 **Culture Instruction" for the 2023-2024 school year, effective June 30, 2023.**

19 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that the Baboquivari**  
20 **Unified School District may request funding for the 2024-2025 school year,**  
21 **provided that any funds appropriated by the Legislative Council that remain**  
22 **unused at the end of any school year shall be carried over and applied to the**  
23 **Nation's obligation for the following school year.**

24 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
25 **day of SEPTEMBER 2023 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,005.7 FOR;**  
26 **-0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and 257.63 [04] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the**  
27 **Council by, Article VI, Section 1(c)(2), 1(d)(2) and Section 1(f) of the Constitution of the Tohono**  
28 **O'odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by**  
29 **the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant**  
30 **to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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33 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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

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38 13 day of September, 2023  
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1 **ATTEST:**

2 *Evonne Wilson*  
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4 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

5 13 day of September, 2023  
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8 Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono  
9 O'odham Nation on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023 at 9:43 o'clock, A .m.,  
10 pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become  
11 effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48  
12 hours of submittal.  
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14 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

15 *Wavalene M. Saunders*  
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18 **Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman**  
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23  **APPROVED**

on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023

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25  **DISAPPROVED**

at 11:45 o'clock, a .m.

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27 *Verlon M. Jose*  
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29 **VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN**  
30 **TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION**  
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35 Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 15 day of

36 September, 2023, at 12:10 o'clock, p .m.  
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41 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**  
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**ACTION: APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO BABOQUIVARI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR YEAR 2 OF PHASE II OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM CULTURE AND LANGUAGE PROGRAM****MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN JANICE FELIX****SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN LUCINDA ALLEN****DATE: SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI 394.2	1. LEANDER MASE ( <i>Absent</i> ) (Francine Schooling) ( <i>Present</i> ) 2. JESSE NAVARRO (Alberta J. Ray)	197.1 197.1	X X			X
CHUKUT KUK 354.7	1. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone) 2. MARLAKAY HENRY ( )	177.35 177.35	X X			
GU ACHI 282.7	1. VICTORIA HOBBS (Tonya L. Joaquin) 2. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN (Jerome L. Joaquin)	141.35 141.35	X X			
GU VO 276.0	1. DALLAS LEWIS ( ) 2. LESLIE LUNA (Grace Manuel)	138.0 138.0	X X			
HICKIWAN 220.5	1. DELMAM. GARCIA ( ) 2. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Loretta A. Ortega)	110.25 110.25	X X			
PISINEMO 236.2	1. EDWARD D. MANUAL (Monica Morgan) 2. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Nora J. Ruelas)	118.1 118.1	X X			
SAN LUCY 257.6	1. ROGER MANUEL ( <i>Absent</i> ) (Christina Andrews) ( <i>Present</i> ) 2. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ ( <i>Absent</i> ) (Lorraine M. Eiler) ( <i>Present</i> )	128.8 128.8				X X
SAN XAVIER 244.5	1. JANICE FELIX ( ) 2. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III ( )	122.25 122.25	X X			X
SCHUK TOAK 191.8	1. DELISA M. RAMON (Sharon A. Francisco) 2. THEORIA CAMPILLO (Rebecca Ann Valentine)	95.9 95.9	X X			
SELLS 558.0	1. EVELYN JUAN-MANUEL (Arvada Liston) 2. JANET B. ELEANDO ( )	279.0 279.0	X X			
SIF OIDAK 247.1	1. LUCINDA ALLEN (Francis Homewytewa) 2. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez)	123.55 123.55	X X			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,263.30</b>	<b>3,005.7</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>257.6</b> <b>[04]</b>