

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving FY 2024 Legislative Branch Budget Amendment No. 2)**

RESOLUTION NO. 24-080

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 FY 2024 Legislative Branch Budget in the amount of \$5,610,093.46 was
8 approved by Resolution No. 23-193 and subsequently amended by Resolution No.
9 23-451, which increased the budget amount from \$5,610,093.46 to
10 \$5,685,093.46; and

11 **WHEREAS,** the Legislative Branch Personnel Policies authorize the Legislative Branch to
12 provide employees a longevity step increase for every two years of continuous
13 service to recognize and reward eligible employees for their continuous years with
14 the Legislative Branch; and

15 **WHEREAS,** by Legislative Order No. 23-022, the Legislative Council approved amendments to
16 the Legislative Rules of the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council requiring debate
17 and presentations to Council be conducted in the O'odham ñi'okĩ "to the maximum
18 extent possible" and the Council strongly promotes the use of O'odham ñi'okĩ by
19 representatives and staff; and

20 **WHEREAS,** the Legislative Council has previously approved wage scales for Legislative Branch
21 employees and, by Legislative Order No. 06-047, the Legislative Council delegated
22 to the Council chairperson the authority to "[p]repare and present an annual
23 Legislative Branch budget to the Legislative Council for its review and approval."
24 "[a]llocate funds, staff, and other resources for the effective operation of the
25 Legislative Branch," and to "[s]upervise and delegate the supervision of Legislative
26 Branch employees"; and

27 **WHEREAS,** the Legislative Council officers recommend the adoption of the FY 2024 Legislative
28 Branch Wage Scale to reflect existing employee salaries; and

29 **WHEREAS,** the Legislative Branch prepared and submitted for review and approval its FY
30 2024 Legislative Branch Budget Amendment No. 2, which is incorporated by this
31 reference and which will adjust personnel and operational line items; and
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1 **WHEREAS, the FY 2024 Legislative Branch Budget Amendment No. 2 will not change the total**
2 **budget amount of \$5,685,093.46; and**

3 **WHEREAS, the Budget and Finance Committee reviewed the FY 2024 Legislative Branch**
4 **Budget Amendment No. 2 and recommends its approval.**

5 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council:**

6 **(1) approves the FY 2024 Legislative Branch Budget Amendment No. 2, which**
7 **will not change the total budget amount of \$5,685,093.46, and**

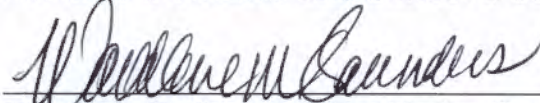
8 **(2) adopts the FY 2024 Legislative Branch Wage Scale, both of which shall be**
9 **effective retroactively October 1, 2023.**

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that the FY 2024**
11 **Legislative Branch Budget Amendment No. 2 includes compensation increases for**
12 **qualified employees under the O'odham Speaker Compensation provision in the**
13 **Legislative Branch Personnel Policies effective on the date of the employee's**
14 **confirmation of fluency.**

15 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that the Tohono**
16 **O'odham Legislative Council chairperson or any designated official is authorized**
17 **to administer and expend the FY 2024 Legislative Branch Budget as amended,**
18 **provided that any modifications shall be submitted to the Budget and Finance**
19 **Committee for approval on behalf of the Legislative Council and amendments shall**
20 **be submitted for prior approval by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council.**

21 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 04TH**
22 **day of MARCH 2024 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,263.3 FOR;**
23 **-0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council**
24 **by Article V, Section 4; Article VI, Section 1(d)(2) and (3) of the Constitution of the Tohono**
25 **O'odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved**
26 **by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986,**
27 **pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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30 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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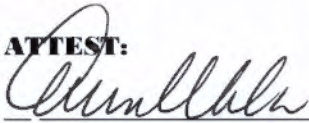
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34 **Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman**

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36 5 day of March, 2024

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1 **ATTEST:**

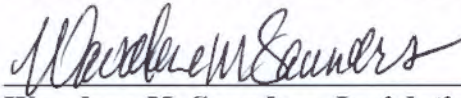
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4 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

5 5 day of March, 2024

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8 **Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham**
9 **Nation on the 5 day of March, 2024 at 11:24 o'clock, a.m., pursuant**
10 **to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective upon**
11 **his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of submittal.**

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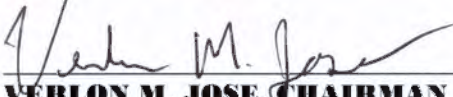
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17 **Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman**

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22 **APPROVED**

23 on the 5 day of March, 2024

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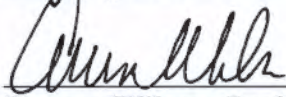
26 at 10:28 o'clock, P.m.

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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 6 day of**

36 March, 2024, at 10:15 o'clock, a.m.

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39 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**
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ACTION: APPROVING FY 2024 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2

MOVED: COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN

SECOND: VICE CHAIRWOMAN MARLAKAY HENRY

DATE: MARCH 04, 2024

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI 394.2	1. LEANDER MASE (Francine Schooling) 2. JESSE NAVARRO (Alberta J. Ray)	197.1 197.1	X X			
CHUKUT KUK 354.7	1. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone) 2. MARLAKAY HENRY ()	177.35 177.35	X X			X
GUACHI 282.7	1. VICTORIA HOBBS (Tonya L. Joaquin) 2. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN (Jerome L. Joaquin)	141.35 141.35	X X			
GUYO 276.0	1. DALLAS LEWIS () 2. LESLIE LUNA (Grace Manuel)	138.0 138.0	X X			
HICKIWAN 220.5	1. DELMA M. GARCIA () 2. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Loretta A. Ortega)	110.25 110.25	X X			
PISINEMO 236.2	1. EDWARD D. MANUEL (Monica Morgan) 2. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Nora J. Ruelas)	118.1 118.1	X X			
SAN LUCY 257.6	1. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews) 2. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (Lorraine M. Eiler)	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			
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			
TOTAL		3,263.30	3,263.3	-0-	-0-	101