

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving the Tohono O'odham Nation's Participation in the 2017 Census of Agriculture)

RESOLUTION NO. 17-164

1 **WHEREAS,** the Legislative Council is vested with the power to “promote, protect and provide
2 for public health, peace, morals education and general welfare of the Tohono
3 O'odham Nation and its members” and to “consult with . . . appropriate federal
4 agencies regarding federal activities that affect the Tohono O'odham Nation”
5 (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(c)(2), and Section 1(j)); and

6 **WHEREAS,** the United States Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics
7 Service (“USDA-NASS”) conducts and publishes the Census of Agriculture every
8 five years to achieve a complete count of every farm or ranch in the United States
9 to determine what they grow or raise and what the overall economic benefits are
10 from the agricultural sector (7 U.S.C. § 2204g); and

11 **WHEREAS,** prior to 2012, the Tohono O'odham Nation along with other tribal nations were
12 not counted in previous censuses resulting in an undercount of Native American
13 agricultural statistics; and

14 **WHEREAS,** by Resolution No. 11-580, the Legislative Council approved participation in the
15 2012 Census of Agriculture and assistance by the Department of Natural
16 Resources; and

17 **WHEREAS,** the USDA-NASS is preparing for the 2017 Census of Agriculture and requests the
18 Nation's participation in its outreach efforts; and

19 **WHEREAS,** as it did in 2012, USDA-NASS will gather the names of the Nation's agricultural
20 producers from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, livestock associations, and other
21 sources; and

22 **WHEREAS,** all individually reported data collected for the census is protected by law and not
23 disclosed to any other agency or entity (7 U.S.C. § 2276); and

24 **WHEREAS,** it is in the Nation's best interest to participate in the 2017 Census of Agriculture;
25 and

26 **WHEREAS,** the Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee has reviewed the request
27 from the USDA-NASS and recommended a presentation to the full Legislative
28 Council.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that it approves
2 the Tohono O'odham Nation's participation in the 2017 Census of Agriculture to
3 improve the USDA-NASS' coverage of American Indian agricultural statistics,
4 including the Nation's statistics; provided that USDA-NASS shall report the status
5 of the Census to the Nation's chairperson and Legislative Council every five years.

6 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Legislative Council that the Nation's Natural Resources
7 Department will update the Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee
8 quarterly and assist the USDA-NASS in its census outreach efforts on the Nation,
9 specifically by:

- 10 1. Providing the USDA-NASS contact names of the Nation's agricultural
11 producers so that they may have an opportunity to report and be counted.
- 12 2. Encouraging the completion of Census of Agriculture questionnaires and
13 informing the Nation's agricultural producers of the importance of
14 accurately completing census questionnaires.
- 15 3. Assisting in the outreach and promotion of the 2017 Census of Agriculture
16 and future USDA-NASS surveys by distributing UDSA-NASS' materials.

17 The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 24TH
18 day of APRIL, 2017 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 2,076.7 FOR; 944.7
19 AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by
20 Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(j) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation,
21 adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy
22 Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the
23 Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).

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26 TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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30 Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman

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32 25 day of April, 2017

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38 Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

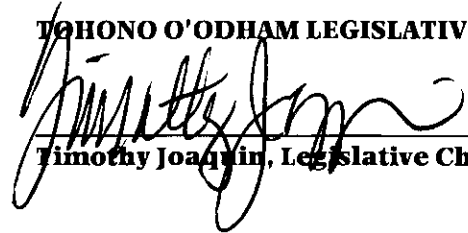
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Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 26 day of April, 2017 at 9:52 o'clock, a .m., pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of submittal.

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL



Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman

APPROVED
 DISAPPROVED

on the 26 day of April, 2017
at 2:44 o'clock, P .m.



EDWARD D. MANUEL, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 26 day of
April, 2016, at 3:00 o'clock, P .m.



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: APPROVING THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION'S PARTICIPATION IN THE 2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

MOVED: COUNCILMAN BILLMAN LOPEZ

SECOND: COUNCILMAN LOUIS R. LOPEZ

DATE: APRIL 24, 2017

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI 367.2	1. FRANCES MIGUEL (Roberta E. Harvey)	183.60	X			
	2. VERNON J. SMITH (Gloria Zazueta)	183.60	X			
CHUKUT KUK 332.1	1. ETHEL GARCIA (Marla Kay Henry)	166.05	X			
	2. BILLMAN LOPEZ (Patricia Vicenti)	166.05	X			
GUACHI 265.0	1. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN (Louis L. Johnson)	132.50	X			
	2. LORETTA LEWIS ()	132.50	X			
GU VO 250.6	1. GRACE MANUEL (Dallas Lewis)	125.30		X		
	2. PAMELA ANGHILL (<i>Absent</i>) (Jeffery Antone, Sr.) (<i>Present</i>)	125.30		X		
HICKIWAN 205.8	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Shirley Molina)	102.90	X			
	2. SANDRA ORTEGA ()	102.90	X			
PISINEMO 219.9	1. CHESTER ANTONE (Caroline D. Garcia)	109.95	X			
	2. MONICA K. MORGAN ()	109.95	X			
SAN LUCY 226.5	1. DIANA MANUEL (Lorraine Eiler)	113.25	X			
	2. JANA MONTANA (Gloria Ramirez)	113.25	X			
SAN XAVIER 228.6	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III (<i>Absent</i>) (Felicia Nunez) (<i>Present</i>)	114.30	X			X
	2. RACHEAL VILSON-STONER (Olivia Villegas-Liston)	114.30	X			
SCHUK TOAK 180.6	1. ANTHONY J. FRANCISCO JR. (<i>Absent</i>) (Teresa F. Donahue) (<i>Present</i>)	90.30		X		
	2. QUINTIN C. LOPEZ (John Fendenheim)	90.30		X		
SELLS 513.5	1. ARTHUR WILSON (Beverly Rivas)	256.75		X		
	2. BARBARA HAVIER (Idaleen Reyes)	256.75		X		
SIF OIDAK 231.6	1. LUCINDA ALLEN ()	115.80	X			
	2. MARY LOPEZ ()	115.80	X			
TOTAL		3,021.4	2,076.7	944.7	-0-	[01]