

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
(Supporting Bureau of Land Management's Baboquivari Peak Wilderness  
and Coyote Mountains Wilderness Management Plan)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-232**

1 **WHEREAS, "We, the members of the Tohono O'odham Nation, . . . affirm our sovereign powers**  
2 **of self-government, to preserve, protect and build upon our unique and**  
3 **distinctive culture and traditions . . . to promote the rights, education and welfare**  
4 **of the present and future generations of our people and to show our gratitude to**  
5 **I'itoi our Maker " (Preamble of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation);**  
6 **and**

7 **WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council with**  
8 **the authority to administer land and other public property, and by law, to**  
9 **manage, protect, preserve and regulate the use of the property, wildlife, land, air**  
10 **and natural resources of the Tohono O'odham Nation (Constitution, Article VI,**  
11 **Section 1(i)(2)); and**

12 **WHEREAS, the immemorial tradition and belief of the O'odham establishes the Baboquivari**  
13 **Peak and Mountain as the center of Mother Earth and the dwelling place of I'itoi,**  
14 **the Creator, and by some historical oversight, only the western portion of the**  
15 **mountain was included in the Tohono O'odham Nation; and**

16 **WHEREAS, the Nation has previously expressed the urgency and importance of reacquiring**  
17 **Baboquivari Peak and Mountain through resolutions of the Legislative Council**  
18 **(Resolution No. 18-83 "Baboquivari Peak and Mountain"; Resolution No. 97-074**  
19 **"Reaffirming Resolution Nos. 18-83, 95-066 and 96-112 - Baboquivari Peak";**  
20 **Resolution No. 96-221 "NCAI Support of the Return of Baboquivari Peak";**  
21 **Resolution No. 98-079 "Approving the return of the Eastern Portion of**  
22 **Baboquivari Peak"; Resolution No. 14-332 "Reaffirming Nation's Support for**  
23 **Return of the Eastern Portion of Baboquivari Peak"); and**

24 **WHEREAS, while a previous attempt to pass legislation in Congress, H.R. 4119 "Tohono**  
25 **O'odham Religious Area Restoration Act", did not proceed beyond a**  
26 **congressional subcommittee hearing, the language from H.R. 4119 regarding**  
27 **management of the land, "in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management**  
28 **of the Department of the Interior" and "subject to the same management**  
29 **requirements and use restrictions which were applicable to the land as part of**  
30 **the National Wilderness Preservation System as administered by the Bureau of**  
31 **Land Management" is a helpful guide as tribal leaders continue efforts to**  
32 **communicate the significance of Baboquivari Peak to the O'odham and to seek**  
33 **the return of the eastern portion of Baboquivari Peak and Mountain; and**

1 WHEREAS, in 2012, the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") completed its Baboquivari Peak  
2 Wilderness and Coyote Mountains Wilderness Management Plan, which states in  
3 part that the BLM will increase "coordination and consultation with the Tohono  
4 O'odham Nation" to help achieve the objective of preserving the unique natural,  
5 spiritual, and cultural values of the area (2012 BLM Management Plan); and

6 WHEREAS, the Cultural Preservation, Agricultural and Natural Resources, and  
7 Appropriations Committees reviewed and support the Bureau of Land  
8 Management's 2012 Baboquivari Peak Wilderness and Coyote Mountains  
9 Wilderness Management Plan in the continued effort to communicate the  
10 significance of Baboquivari Peak to the O'odham and to seek the return of the  
11 eastern portion of Baboquivari Peak and Mountain.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council supports the  
13 2012 Baboquivari Peak Wilderness and Coyote Mountains Wilderness  
14 Management Plan in the continued effort to communicate the significance of  
15 Baboquivari Peak to the O'odham and to seek the return of the eastern portion of  
16 Baboquivari Peak and Mountain.

17 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council authorizes the Nation's  
18 chairperson and Appropriations Committee, in collaboration with other  
19 respective oversight committees, to increase coordination and consultation with  
20 the Bureau of Land Management in accordance with this resolution and previous  
21 Baboquivari Peak-related resolutions.

22 The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 08<sup>TH</sup>  
23 day of JUNE, 2017 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,021.4 FOR; -0-  
24 AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [03] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by  
25 Article VI, Section 1(i)(2) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the  
26 Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant  
27 Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June  
28 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).

31 TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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35 Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman

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37 9 day of June, 2017  
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1 ATTEST:

2 *Evonne Wilson*  
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4 Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

5 9 day of June, 2017  
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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 9 day of June, 2017 at 10:29 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 *Timothy Joaquin*  
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19 Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman  
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on the 9 day of June, 2017

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at 1:47 o'clock, p.m.

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28 *Edward D. Manuel*  
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30 EDWARD D. MANUEL, CHAIRMAN  
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36 Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 09 day of

37 June, 2017, at 3:11 o'clock, p.m.  
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40 *Evonne Wilson*  
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42 Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary  
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**ACTION: SUPPORTING BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT'S BABOQUIVARI PEAK WILDERNESS AND COYOTE MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**Moved: COUNCILMAN QUINTIN C. LOPEZ**

**SECOND: COUNCILMAN ANTHONY J. FRANCISCO, JR.**

**DATE: JUNE 08, 2017**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI 367.2	1. FRANCES MIGUEL ( <i>Absent</i> ) (Roberta E. Harvey) ( <i>Present</i> )	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			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 (Jeffery Antone, Sr.)	125.30	X			
HICKIWAN 205.8	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Shirley Molina)	102.90	X			
	2. SANDRA ORTEGA ( )	102.90	X			X
PISINEMO 219.9	1. CHESTER ANTONE (Caroline D. Garcia)	109.95	X			
	2. MONICA K. MORGAN ( )	109.95	X			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 (Felicia Nunez)	114.30	X			
	2. RACHEAL VILSON-STONER (Olivia Villegas-Liston)	114.30	X			
SCHUK TOAK 180.6	1. ANTHONY J. FRANCISCO JR. (Teresa F. Donahue)	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	3,021.4	-0-	-0-	[03]