

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Rejecting Membership Applications and Adoption Application of Susana Rejina Ortega,
also known as Maria Regina Suzana Ortega and Suzana Maria Regina Ortega)

DEFEATED
RESOLUTION NO. 18-424

1 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation provides that the membership of
2 the Nation shall consist of Indians appearing on official census rolls (comprising
3 the Nation's Base Roll) and "children born to resident members," and vests the
4 Legislative Council with the power to enact laws and ordinances governing the
5 enrollment and adoption of members (Constitution, Article II, Section 1(a) and
6 (b); Article VI, Section 1(h)); and

7 **WHEREAS,** on June 19, 2008, Mr. Ismael Ballze sponsored an application for enrollment as a
8 member of the Tohono O'odham Nation for Susana Rejina Ortega; and

9 **WHEREAS,** on November 18, 2015, Mr. Ismael Ballze sponsored an application for enrollment
10 as a member of the Tohono O'odham Nation for Maria Regina Suzana Ortega; and

11 **WHEREAS,** on November 27, 2017, Mr. Ismael Ballze sponsored an application for adoption
12 as a member of the Tohono O'odham Nation for Suzana Maria Regina Ortega; and

13 **WHEREAS,** the Enrollment Committee has reviewed all three applications and has
14 recommended that the applications be rejected because the applicant failed to
15 establish eligibility for membership under the Constitution of the Tohono
16 O'odham Nation, Article II – Membership, Section 1(b) and Section 2; and

17 **WHEREAS,** the Enrollment Committee served written notice of its written recommendation
18 to reject the application and of the rejection hearing upon the applicant as
19 required by Article VI, Section 2 of the Enrollment Ordinance, 14 T.O.C. Chapter 1;
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21 **WHEREAS,** in accordance with the Article VI, Section 2 of the Enrollment Ordinance, 14 T.O.C.
22 Chapter 1, Mr. Ismael Ballze filed a written appeal with the Council Chairperson
23 and Secretary requesting a hearing; and

24 **WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council has reviewed the enrollment and
25 adoption applications, Enrollment Committee's recommendation, and evidence
26 presented during its October 18, 2018, hearing, at which the sponsor Mr. Ismael
27 Ballze was not present, and finds that the applicant has failed to establish the
28 foregoing membership requirements.

29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council finds that the
30 enrollment applications of Susana Rejina Ortega, also known as Maria Regina
31 Suzana Ortega and Suzana Maria Regina Ortega, date of birth April 25, 1888, for
32 enrollment as a member of the Tohono O'odham Nation fails to establish her

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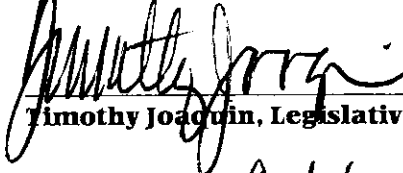
1 eligibility for membership under Article II, Section 1(b) of the Constitution of the
2 Tohono O'odham Nation and the two membership applications are rejected.

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council finds that the
4 application of Susana Rejina Ortega, also known as Maria Regina Suzana Ortega
5 and Suzana Maria Regina Ortega, date of birth April 25, 1888, with a zero degree
6 of Papago-Tohono O'odham Indian blood, for adoption as a member of the
7 Tohono O'odham Nation fails to establish her eligibility for membership under
8 Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation and the
9 adoption application is rejected.

10 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council finds that written notice
11 of the Legislative Council's final determination shall be given by the Enrollment
12 Program in accordance with Article VIII, Section 2 of the Enrollment Ordinance.

13 The foregoing Resolution was defeated by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 18TH
14 day of OCTOBER, 2018 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 1,501.8 FOR;
15 1,582.8 AGAINST and [03] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI,
16 Section 1(h) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'odham
17 Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian
18 Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48
19 Stat.984).

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21 TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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25 Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman

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27 19 day of October, 2018
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33 ATTEST:

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36 Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

37 19 day of October, 2018
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ACTION: REJECTING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS AND ADOPTION APPLICATION OF SUSANA REJINA ORTEGA, ALSO KNOWN AS MARIA REGINA SUZANA ORTEGA AND SUZANA MARIA REGINA ORTEGA

DATE: OCTOBER 18, 2018

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	ABSENT
SIF OIDAK 235.8	1. MARY LOPEZ ()	117.9	X		
	2. LUCINDA ALLEN (Yolonda Garcia)	117.9		X	
SELLS 527.2	1. ARTHUR WILSON (Evelyn Juan Manuel)	263.6		X	
	2. ADRIANNE TILLER ()	263.6		X	
SCHUK TOAK 185.7	1. ANTHONY J. FRANCISCO JR. (Teresa F. Donahue)	92.85		X	
	2. QUINTIN C. LOPEZ (<i>Absent</i>) (Agnes V. Joaquin) (<i>Present</i>)	92.85		X	X
SAN XAVIER 232.3	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III (<i>Absent</i>) (Felicia Nunez) (<i>Present</i>)	116.15	X		
	2. JANICE FELIX ()	116.15	X		X
SAN LUCY 231.1	1. JANA MONTANA (Diana Manuel)	115.55	X		
	2. GLORIA RAMIREZ (Lorraine Eiler)	115.55		X	
PISINEMO 225.9	1. CHESTER ANTONE (Caroline D. Garcia)	112.95	X		
	2. MONICA K. MORGAN ()	112.95		X	
HICKIWAN 209.0	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Shirley Molina)	104.5		X	
	2. SANDRA D. ORTEGA ()	104.5		X	X
GU VO 256.9	1. GRACE MANUEL ()	128.45	X		
	2. DALLAS LEWIS (Nacho Flores)	128.45		X	
GU ACHI 270.9	1. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN (Louis L. Johnson)	135.45	X		
	2. LORETTA LEWIS (Victoria Hobbs)	135.45	X		
CHUKUT KUK 337.7	1. BILLMAN LOPEZ (Patricia Antone)	168.85	X		
	2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Juanita Homer)	168.85	X		
BABOQUIVARI 372.1	1. FRANCES MIGUEL (Roberta E. Harvey)	186.05		X	
	2. LEANDER MASE (<i>Absent</i>) (Francine Schooling) (<i>Present</i>)	186.05	X		
TOTAL		3,084.6	1,501.8	1,582.8	[03]