

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Supporting the Kitt Peak Linkage Wildlife Connectivity Proposal)

RESOLUTION NO. 16-184

1 **WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council**
2 **with the power "to manage, protect, preserve, and regulate the use of the**
3 **property, wildlife, land, air, and natural resources (including surface and**
4 **ground waters) of the Tohono O'odham Nation." (Constitution, Article VI, Section**
5 **1(i)(2)); and**

6 **WHEREAS, the Legislative Council recognizes the need to protect, manage, and conserve**
7 **biological resources of the Nation's land; and**

8 **WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Vegetation Management Program ("Program") was established**
9 **by Legislative Council (Resolution No. 00-276) to assist the Nation in the**
10 **conservation, protection, and management of biological resources and**
11 **implement sound biological studies; and**

12 **WHEREAS, State Route 86 north of Kitt Peak ("Kitt Peak Linkage") has historically**
13 **experienced high rates of wildlife-vehicle collisions and was listed as a 'priority'**
14 **in *Arizona's Wildlife Linkages Assessment*; and**

15 **WHEREAS, the Program partnered with Pima County Regional Transportation Authority**
16 **("RTA"), Arizona Department of Transportation ("ADOT") Tucson District, ADOT**
17 **Urban Project Management, ADOT Environmental Planning Group, and Arizona**
18 **Game and Fish Department for the Kitt Peak Linkage Wildlife Connectivity**
19 **project; and**

20 **WHEREAS, the Program, along with associated partners submitted the Kitt Peak Linkage:**
21 **Wildlife Connectivity Wildlife Overpasses and Fencing-State Route 86 Proposal**
22 **("Proposal") to RTA on December 26, 2013; and**

23 **WHEREAS, the wildlife underpass installation was finished in 2014 which completed the**
24 **first phase of the Proposal and the Program is currently surveying, monitoring**
25 **and conducting a road mortality study; and**

26 **WHEREAS, the RTA approved funding for the wildlife overpasses portion of the Proposal at**
27 **their regular meeting on May 9, 2014 and the wildlife overpass installation**
28 **process will begin in 21017, which will be fully funded by the RTA and include**
29 **design and construction. The Program will be conducting the surveying,**
30 **monitoring, and road mortality study; and**

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1 **WHEREAS, the Program and associated partners presented to the Schuk Toak District on**
2 **January 9, 2016, and the District supported the wildlife overpass portion of the**
3 **proposal by resolution; and**

4 **WHEREAS, the Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee has reviewed the Resolution**
5 **to support the Kitt Peak Linkage Wildlife Connectivity Proposal.**

6 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that it hereby**
7 **supports the Tohono O'odham Nation's Wildlife and Vegetation Management**
8 **Program and associated partners in their combined efforts to complete the Kitt**
9 **Peak Wildlife Connectivity Proposal on the Tohono O'odham Nation for the**
10 **benefit of current and future tribal members.**

11 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 05TH**
12 **day of MAY, 2016 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,021.4 FOR; -0-**
13 **AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and -0- ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**
14 **Article VI, Sections 1 (i)(2) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the**
15 **Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant**
16 **Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of**
17 **June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

20 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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23 **Timothy Joaquín, Legislative Chairman**

24 9TH day of May, 2016

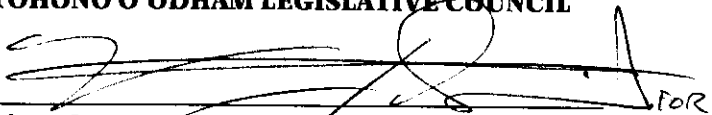
29 **ATTEST:**

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32 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

33 9 day of May, 2016

34 **Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono**
35 **O'odham Nation on the 9 day of May, 2016 at 9:48 o'clock, a .m.,**
36 **pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become**
37 **effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48**
38 **hours of submittal.**

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

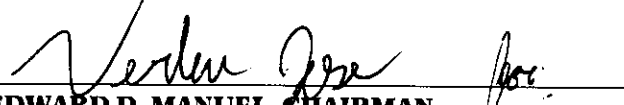

Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman

APPROVED

on the 11 day of May, 2016

DISAPPROVED

at 9:09 o'clock, a.m.


EDWARD D. MANUEL, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 11 day of

May, 2016, at 9:25 o'clock, a.m.


Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

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ACTION: SUPPORTING THE KITT PEAK LINKAGE WILDLIFE CONNECTIVITY PROPOSAL

MOVED: COUNCILMAN QUINTIN C. LOPEZ

SECOND: COUNCILMAN ANTHONY J. FRANCISCO, JR.

DATE: MAY 05, 2016

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 (Marlakay K. 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)	125.3	X			
	2. PAMELA ANGHILL (Jeffery Antone, Sr.)	125.3	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 ()	109.95	X			
	2. MONICA K. MORGAN ()	109.95	X			
SAN LUCY 226.5	1. DIANA MANUEL ()	113.25	X			
	2. JANA MONTANA (Gloria Ramirez)	113.25	X			
SAN XAVIER 228.6	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III ()	114.3	X			
	2. RACHEAL VILSON-STONER (Olivia Villegas-Liston)	114.3	X			
SCHUK TOAK 180.6	1. ANTHONY J. FRANCISCO JR. ()	90.3	X			
	2. QUINTIN C. LOPEZ (John Fendenheim)	90.3	X			
SELLS 513.5	1. ARTHUR WILSON (Beverly Rivas)	256.75	X			
	2. BARBARA HAVIER ()	256.75	X			
SIF OIDAK 231.6	1. LUCINDA ALLEN (Nicholas Jose)	115.80	X			
	2. MARY LOPEZ ()	115.80	X			
TOTAL		3,021.4	3,021.4	-0-	-0-	-0-