

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving the Appointment of Dwayne Lopez as Department of Natural
Resources Executive Director)**

RESOLUTION NO. 22-154

1 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Nation's chairperson
2 with authority to appoint the Nation's treasurer, and other officers and heads of
3 all governmental departments with the approval of the Tohono O'odham
4 Legislative Council (Constitution, Article VII, Section 2(e)); and

5 **WHEREAS,** the Nation's Chairman Ned Norris, Jr. has appointed Dwayne Lopez as the Nation's
6 Department of Natural Resources executive director, subject to the approval of
7 the Legislative Council; and

8 **WHEREAS,** the Appointed Officers law, 1 T.O.C. Chapter 4, establishes the process for review
9 of appointments by the appropriate oversight committee and the Council and the
10 documents required, including copies of the current job description, the
11 appointee's current resume, contact information, and current written
12 background investigation report; and

13 **WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article III, Section 6(B) of the Legislative Rules of the Tohono
14 O'odham Legislative Council, the chairperson's "appointee to the position of
15 treasurer or other officers or heads of governmental departments shall not be
16 added to any Legislative Council session agenda for approval unless the
17 appropriate legislative committee interviews the appointee after receiving a
18 resume and written background investigation report" containing detailed
19 employment, education, credit, litigation, and other information necessary to
20 determine the appointee's qualifications and fitness; and

21 **WHEREAS,** by Resolution No. 21-427, the Legislative Council repealed Resolution No. 20-121
22 "Suspending Timeframes in the Appointed Officers Law Due to the COVID-19
23 Pandemic" and authorized:

- 24 1. an appointee who has undergone the Appointed Officers process pursuant
25 to Section 4003(B) and (C) to proceed to the Legislative Council, provided
26 that the background investigation report shall be updated and reviewed
27 by the respective oversight committee prior to the appointee's interview
28 with the Legislative Council;
- 29 2. the start of the process of review and consideration pursuant to the
30 Appointed Officers law by the appropriate oversight committee regardless
31 of the status of the Legislative Branch offices closure, provided that a

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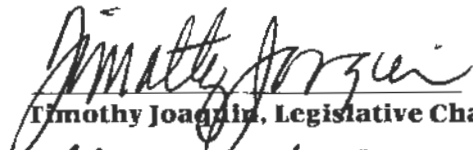
- 1 background investigation report shall be considered valid for 90 days
2 after it is completed;
- 3 3. elimination of the in-person interview requirement in the Appointed
4 Officers law to allow virtual committee and Legislative Council interviews;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS,** the Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee has received and reviewed the
7 detailed written background investigation report, interviewed the appointee,
8 and recommends that the Legislative Council approve the appointment.

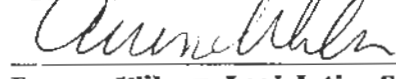
9 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the
10 appointment of Dwayne Lopez as the Nation's Department of Natural Resources
11 executive director.

12 The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 21ST
13 day of APRIL, 2022 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 2,077.2 FOR; 584.3
14 AGAINST; 556.5 [02] NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council
15 by, Article VII, Section 2(e) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the
16 Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant
17 Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June
18 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).

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20 TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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24 Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman
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26 22 day of April, 2022
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29 **ATTEST:**

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32 Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary
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34 22 day of April, 2022
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36 Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono
37 O'odham Nation on the 22 day of April, 2022 at 7:33 o'clock, p.m.,
38 pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become
39 effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48
40 hours of submittal.
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Timothy Joaquin

Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman

APPROVED

on the 22 day of April, 2022

DISAPPROVED

at 7:35 o'clock, P.m.

Ned Norris, Jr.

NED NORRIS, JR., CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 22 day of

April, 2022, at 7:30 o'clock, P.m.

Evonne Wilson

Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

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ACTION: APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF DWAYNE LOPEZ AS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN VICTORIA HOBBS****SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN GRACE MANUEL****DATE: APRIL 21, 2022**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF OIDAK 245.6	1. MARY LOPEZ (Ann M. Garcia) 2. LUCINDA ALLEN (Francis Homewytewa)	122.8 122.8	X X			
SELLS 556.5	1. ARTHUR WILSON () 2. EVELYN JUAN-MANUEL (Arvada Liston)	278.25 278.25			X X	
SCIUK TOAK 190.5	1. TERESA F. DONAHUE (Alberta Espinoza) 2. DELISA M. RAMON (Sharon A. Francisco)	95.25 95.25	X X			
SAN XAVIER 242.6	1. DANIEL I.A. PRESTON III (Racheal Vilson-Stoner) 2. JANICE FELIX (Absent) (Adam P. Andrews) (Present)	121.3 121.3	X X			
SAN LUCY 243.8	1. JANA MONTANA (Lorraine M. Eiler) 2. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews)	121.9 121.9	X X			
PISINEMO 232.7	1. MARIETTA MARTIN () 2. EDWARD D. MANUEL (Monica Morgan)	116.35 116.35		X X		
HICKIWAN 216.6	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ () 2. DELMA M. GARCIA ()	108.3 108.3	X X			X
GU VO 270.7	1. GRACE MANUEL () 2. CYNTHIA SAAVEDRA (Dallas Lewis)	135.35 135.35	X X			
GU ACHI 278.5	1. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN () 2. VICTORIA HOBBS (Tonya L. Joaquin)	139.25 139.25	X X			
CHUKUT KUK 351.6	1. MARLAKAY HENRY (Billman Lopez) 2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone)	175.8 175.8		X X		
BABOQUIVARI 388.9	1. ALBERTA J. RAY (Frances G. Antone) 2. LEANDER MASE (Francine Schooling)	194.45 194.45	X X			
	TOTAL	3,218.0	2,077.2	584.3	556.5 [02]	[01]