

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Supporting House Resolution 69 to Establish a National Biodiversity Strategy
for Protecting Biodiversity for Current and Future Generations)**

RESOLUTION NO. 22-171

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Tohono O'odham
2 Legislative Council with the authority to "promote, protect and provide for public
3 health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Tohono O'odham
4 Nation and its members" and to "consult with the Congress of the United States
5 and appropriate federal agencies regarding activities that affect the Tohono
6 O'odham Nation . . ." and to "manage, protect, preserve and regulate the use of the
7 property, wildlife, land, air and natural resources (including surface and ground
8 waters) of the Tohono O'odham Nation." (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(c)(2),
9 Section 1(j) and Section 1(i)(2)); and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation declares that it shall be the policy
11 of the Nation "to promote efforts which will preserve and protect the natural and
12 cultural environment of the Tohono O'odham Nation, including its land, air,
13 water, flora and fauna, its ecological systems, and natural resources, and its
14 historic and cultural artifacts and archaeological sites ..." (Constitution, Article
15 XVIII, Section 1); and
- 16 **WHEREAS,** on January 28, 2021, Representative Joe Neguse introduced House Resolution 69,
17 expressing the need for the federal government to establish a national
18 biodiversity strategy for protecting biodiversity for current and future
19 generations, and the resolution was referred to the House Committee on Natural
20 Resources; and
- 21 **WHEREAS,** the planet is facing an unprecedented biodiversity crisis, largely driven by
22 human activity, and recent scientific studies have confirmed human-driven
23 activities are significantly damaging the Earth's ecosystems by:
- 24 1. altering 75 percent of the area of terrestrial environments and 66 percent
25 of marine environments;
 - 26 2. directly exploiting wildlife and plant species;
 - 27 3. accelerating climate change, directly harming nature and exacerbating
28 other threats;
 - 29 4. polluting air, land, and water; and
 - 30 5. introducing invasive species;
- 31 ; and

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WHEREAS, the Water Resources, Agricultural and Natural Resources, Appropriations, and Cultural Preservation Committees have reviewed House Resolution 69, which expresses the need for the federal government to establish a national biodiversity strategy for protecting biodiversity for current and future generations, and recommend supporting the following provisions in federal legislation:

- 1. establishing the effective conservation, restoration, and durable protection of at least 30 percent of an ecologically representative area of the Nation's and the world's lands, freshwaters, and oceans by 2030 by working collaboratively with governments, land owners, fishers, indigenous peoples, communities, and others;**
- 2. restoring or rewilding species, degraded habitats, and ensuring integrity and connectivity of protected areas;**
- 3. retaining and protecting highly intact ecosystems;**
- 4. reducing pesticide use to levels no higher than needed for sustainable, ecologically, and safe food production; and**
- 5. addressing the threats posed by invasive species.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council supports the following provisions from House Resolution 69, which express the need for the federal government to establish a national biodiversity strategy for protecting biodiversity for current and future generations in federal legislation:

- 1. establishing the effective conservation, restoration, and durable protection of at least 30 percent of an ecologically representative area of the Nation's and the world's lands, freshwaters, and oceans by 2030 by working collaboratively with governments, land owners, fishers, indigenous peoples, communities, and others;**
- 2. restoring or rewilding species, degraded habitats, and ensuring integrity and connectivity of protected areas;**
- 3. retaining and protecting highly intact ecosystems;**
- 4. reducing pesticide use to levels no higher than needed for sustainable, ecologically, and safe food production; and**
- 5. addressing the threats posed by invasive species.**

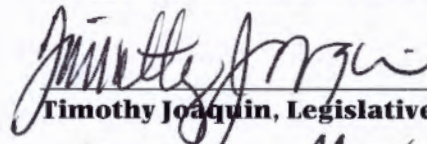
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The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 10TH day of MAY, 2022 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,218.0 FOR; ~~0~~ AGAINST; ~~0~~ NOT VOTING; and [03] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by, Article VI, Sections 1(c)(2), 1(j), and 1(i)(2), and Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).

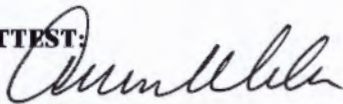
TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL



Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman

12 day of May, 2022

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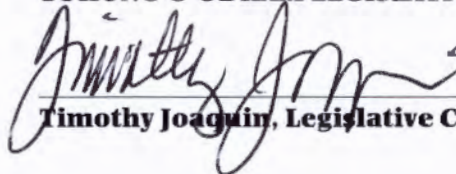


Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

12 day of May, 2022

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 12 day of May, 2022 at 3:41 o'clock, p.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 12 day of May, 2022

at 5:36 o'clock, p.m.


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

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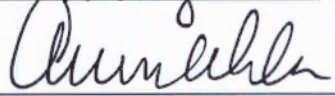
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Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 13 day of

May, 2022, at 1:49 o'clock, p.m.



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: SUPPORTING HOUSE RESOLUTION 69 TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY FOR PROTECTING BIODIVERSITY FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS**MOVED: COUNCILMAN DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III****SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN MARLAKAY HENRY****DATE: MAY 10, 2022**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF OIDAK 245.6	1. MARY LOPEZ (Ann M. Garcia)	122.8	X			
	2. LUCINDA ALLEN (Francis Homewytewa)	122.8	X			
SELLS 556.5	1. ARTHUR WILSON ()	278.25	X			X
	2. EVELYN JUAN-MANUEL (Arvada Liston)	278.25	X			
SCHUK TOAK 190.5	1. TERESA F. DONAHUE (Alberta Espinoza)	95.25	X			
	2. DELISA M. RAMON (<i>Absent</i>) (Sharon A. Francisco) (<i>Present</i>)	95.25	X			
SAN XAVIER 242.6	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III (Racheal Vilson-Stoner)	121.3	X			
	2. JANICE FELIX (Adam P. Andrews)	121.3	X			
SAN LUCY 243.8	1. JANA MONTANA (Lorraine M. Eiler)	121.9	X			
	2. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews)	121.9	X			
PISINEMO 232.7	1. MARIETTA MARTIN ()	116.35	X			
	2. EDWARD D. MANUEL (Monica Morgan)	116.35	X			
HICKIWAN 216.6	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ ()	108.3	X			
	2. DELMA M. GARCIA ()	108.3	X			X
GU VO 270.7	1. GRACE MANUEL ()	135.35	X			
	2. CYNTHIA SAAVEDRA (Dallas Lewis)	135.35	X			
GU ACHI 278.5	1. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN ()	139.25	X			
	2. VICTORIA HOBBS (Tonya L. Joaquin)	139.25	X			
CHUKUT KUK 351.6	1. MARLAKAY HENRY (Billman Lopez)	175.8	X			
	2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone)	175.8	X			
BABOQUIVARI 388.9	1. ALBERTA J. RAY (Frances G. Antone)	194.45	X			X
	2. LEANDER MASE (Francine Schooling)	194.45	X			
TOTAL		3,218.0	3,218.0	-0-	-0-	[03]