

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Designating Tohono O'odham Nation's Arizona Indian Gaming Association and
Arizonans for Tribal Government Gaming Representatives and Alternates)**

RESOLUTION NO. 23-344

1 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council with
2 the authority to "consult, negotiate and conclude agreements and contracts on
3 behalf of the Tohono O'odham Nation with Federal, State and local governments
4 and other Indian tribes or their departments, agencies, or political subdivisions,
5 or with private persons or organizations on all matters within the authority of the
6 Tohono O'odham Council." (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(f)); and

7 **WHEREAS,** the Nation and the State of Arizona have entered into a tribal-state gaming
8 compact (the "Compact") for the conduct of Class III gaming on the Nation's
9 Indian lands; and

10 **WHEREAS,** consistent with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq., the
11 Compact recognizes "gaming by Indian tribes as a means of promoting tribal
12 economic development, self-sufficiency, and strong tribal governments"
13 (Compact, Declaration of Policy and Purpose); and

14 **WHEREAS,** the Arizona Indian Gaming Association ("AIGA") is an association of eight
15 sovereign tribal governments in Arizona, including the Nation, and is organized
16 in part to "preserve and protect the integrity and exclusivity of tribal gaming" and
17 to "maintain, protect, and advocate for Indian tribal sovereignty" (2017 AIGA
18 Amended and Restated Bylaws, Article 1, Sections 1.3(F) and (G)); and

19 **WHEREAS,** the Arizonans for Tribal Government Gaming ("ATGG") is organized as a joint
20 effort of sovereign tribal governments located in Arizona with a purpose of
21 protecting and promoting Indian tribes in Arizona by supporting tribal
22 government gaming on Arizona's Indian lands (2017 ATGG Amended and Restated
23 Bylaws, Article 1, Section 1.3); and

24 **WHEREAS,** it is in the Nation's interests to continue its active participation in the AIGA and
25 ATGG; and

26 **WHEREAS,** consistent with Nation's long-standing practice, the Commerce Committee
27 recommends designating the Nation's chairperson as the Designated
28 Representative and the Commerce Committee chairperson as Alternate
29 Representative on the AIGA and ATGG (Resolutions No. 95-522 and No. 10-224);
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1 **WHEREAS, on August 10, 2023, Verlon M. Jose was seated as the Nation's chairperson and on**
2 **August 11, 2023 Representative Victoria Hobbs was seated as the Commerce**
3 **Committee chairperson.**

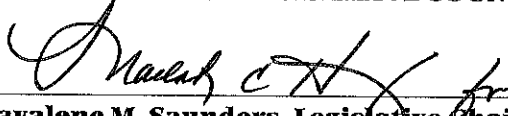
4 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council**

- 5 **1. Designates Chairman Verlon M. Jose as the Nation's Designated**
6 **Representative to the Arizona Indian Gaming Association and Commerce**
7 **Committee Chairwoman Victoria Hobbs as the Nation's Alternate**
8 **Representative in the absence of the Nation's chairperson, as defined by**
9 **Article 2, Section 2.3 of the Amended and Restated Bylaws of AIGA.**
10 **2. Designates Chairman Verlon M. Jose as the Nation's Designated**
11 **Representative to the Arizonans for Tribal Government Gaming and**
12 **Commerce Committee Chairwoman Victoria Hobbs as the Nation's Alternate**
13 **Representative in the absence of the Nation's chairperson, as defined by**
14 **Article 2, Section 2.3 of the Amended and Restated Bylaws of ATGG.**

15 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that the current**
16 **officeholders designated by this resolution shall automatically be replaced by**
17 **their respective successors in office as Nation's chairperson and Commerce**
18 **Committee chairperson.**

19 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 12TH**
20 **day of SEPTEMBER 2023 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,263.3 FOR;**
21 **-0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and -0- ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**
22 **Article VI, Section 1(f) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono**
23 **O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary -**
24 **Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934**
25 **(48 Stat.984).**

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27 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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31 **Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman**

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33 **18TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2023**

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36 **ATTEST:**

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39 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

40 **15 day of September, 2023**
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Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 18th day of SEPTEMBER, 2023 at 12:56 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


Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

APPROVED

on the 18 day of September, 2023

DISAPPROVED

at 6:39 o'clock, p.m.


VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 19 day of

September, 2023, at 1:00 o'clock, p.m.


Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: DESIGNATING TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION'S ARIZONA INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION AND ARIZONANS FOR TRIBAL GOVERNMENT GAMING REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES**Moved: COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN****SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN JANICE FELIX****DATE: SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI 394.2	1. LEANDER MASE (<i>Absent</i>) (Francine Schooling) (<i>Present</i>) 2. JESSE NAVARRO (Alberta J. Ray)	197.1 197.1	X X			
CHUKUT KUK 354.7	1. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone) 2. MARLAKAY HENRY ()	177.35 177.35	X X			
GU ACHI 282.7	1. VICTORIA HOBBS (Tonya L. Joaquin) 2. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN (Jerome L. Joaquin)	141.35 141.35	X X			
GU VO 276.0	1. DALLAS LEWIS () 2. LESLIE LUNA (Grace Manuel)	138.0 138.0	X X			
HICKIWAN 220.5	1. DELMAM. GARCIA () 2. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Loretta A. Ortega)	110.25 110.25	X X			
PISINEMO 236.2	1. EDWARD D. MANUAL (Monica Morgan) 2. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Nora J. Ruelas)	118.1 118.1	X X			
SAN LUCY 257.6	1. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews) 2. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (Lorraine M. Eiler)	128.8 128.8	X X			
SAN XAVIER 244.5	1. JANICE FELIX () 2. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III ()	122.25 122.25	X X			
SCHUK TOAK 191.8	1. DELISA M. RAMON (Sharon A. Francisco) 2. THEORIA CAMPILLO (Rebecca Ann Valentine)	95.9 95.9	X X			
SELLS 558.0	1. EVELYN JUAN-MANUEL (Arvada Liston) 2. JANET B. ELEANDO ()	279.0 279.0	X X			
SIF OIDAK 247.1	1. LUCINDA ALLEN (Francis Homewytewa) 2. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez)	123.55 123.55	X X			
	TOTAL	3,263.30	3,263.30	-0-	-0-	-0-