

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
(Nominating Representative Pamela J. Benavidez as the Tucson Area Representative on the
National Indian Health Board and Reaffirming the Appointment of Representative Daniel L.A.
Preston, III as Alternate)**

RESOLUTION NO. 23-377

1 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council is vested with the power "to promote,**
2 **protect and provide for public health . . . and general welfare of the Tohono**
3 **O'odham Nation and its members" and with the authority "to consult with the**
4 **Congress of the United States and appropriate federal agencies regarding federal**
5 **activities that affect the Tohono O'odham Nation" (Constitution, Article VI,**
6 **Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(j)); and**

7 **WHEREAS, the National Indian Health Board ("NIHB"), established in 1972, serves all**
8 **Federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments by**
9 **advocating for the improvement of health care delivery to American Indians and**
10 **Alaska Natives; and**

11 **WHEREAS, the NIHB is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of representatives elected**
12 **by the American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments in each of the 12**
13 **Indian Health Service ("IHS") areas; and**

14 **WHEREAS, the NIHB has designated the Nation as a member of the Tucson Area and the**
15 **Nation has previously appointed representatives and alternates to the NIHB; and**

16 **WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-082, the Legislative Council nominated Representative**
17 **Delma M. Garcia as Tucson Area representative on the NIHB and Representative**
18 **Daniel L.A. Preston, III as alternate; and**

19 **WHEREAS, the Health and Human Services Committee recommends the nomination of**
20 **Representative Pamela J. Benavidez for appointment as the Tucson Area**
21 **representative on the NIHB and reaffirms the appointment of Representative**
22 **Daniel L.A. Preston, III as alternate.**

23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council nominates**
24 **Representative Pamela J. Benavidez for appointment as the Tucson Area**
25 **representative on the National Indian Health Board and reaffirms the**
26 **appointment of Representative Daniel L.A. Preston, III as alternate.**

27 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that any appointment**
28 **made pursuant to this resolution shall immediately expire if the appointed**
29 **representative no longer serves on the Health and Human Services Committee for**
30 **any reason.**

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The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 19TH day of SEPTEMBER 2023 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,263.3 FOR; ~~0~~ AGAINST; ~~0~~ NOT VOTING; and [03] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 1(c)(2), and Section 1(j) 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

Wavalene M. Saunders
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman
22 day of September, 2023

ATTEST:

Evonne Wilson
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary
22 day of September, 2023

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 22 day of September, 2023 at 1:04 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
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

APPROVED

on the 22 day of September, 2023

DISAPPROVED

at 2:52 o'clock, p.m.

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VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
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Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 22 day of
September, 2023, at 3:31 o'clock, p.m.



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVE PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ AS THE TUCSON AREA REPRESENTATIVE ON THE NATIONAL INDIAN HEALTH BOARD AND REAFFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL L.A. PRESTON, III AS ALTERNATE

MOVED: COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN

SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS

DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI 394.2	1. LEANDER MASE (Francine Schooling) 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			
GUACHI 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			X
HICKIWAN 220.5	1. DELMA M. 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 (<i>Absent</i>) (Christina Andrews) (<i>Present</i>) 2. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (Lorraine M. Eiler)	128.8 128.8	X 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 OIDA 247.1	1. LUCINDA ALLEN (Francis Homewytewa) 2. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (<i>Absent</i>) (Mary Lopez) (<i>Present</i>)	123.55 123.55	X X			X
TOTAL		3,263.30	3,263.3	-0-	-0-	[03]