

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Reaffirming Appointment of Representative Daniel L.A. Preston, III to the Department of
Health and Human Services Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee and Nominating
Representative Pamela J. Benavidez as Alternate)**

RESOLUTION NO. 23-379

1 **WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council with**
2 **the authority to "promote, protect and provide for public health . . . and general**
3 **welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its members" and 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 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") Secretary's Tribal**
8 **Advisory Committee ("STAC"), established in 2010, represents the highest level**
9 **tribal advisory committee in the HHS and is intended as a forum for government-**
10 **to-government consultation; and**

11 **WHEREAS, the STAC's primary purpose is to identify issues and priorities, seek consensus,**
12 **exchange views, share information, provide advice and recommendations, and**
13 **coordinate with HHS agencies on all matters related to improving health and**
14 **human services and ensuring tribal consultation on HHS policies affecting**
15 **American Indian and Alaska Native communities; and**

16 **WHEREAS, the STAC's tribal representation is comprised of 17 positions filled by voluntary**
17 **representatives: one delegate (and one alternate) from each of the 12 Indian**
18 **Health Service ("IHS") areas and one delegate (and one alternate) for five National**
19 **At-Large Tribal Member positions; and**

20 **WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-026, the Legislative Council nominated Representative**
21 **Daniel L.A. Preston, III for appointment as the STAC Tucson Area delegate and**
22 **Representative Evelyn Juan Manuel as alternate; and**

23 **WHEREAS, Representative Evelyn Juan Manuel no longer serves on the Health and Human**
24 **Services Committee; and**

25 **WHEREAS, the Health and Human Services Committee reaffirms the appointment of**
26 **Representative Daniel L.A. Preston, III as the STAC Tucson Area delegate and**
27 **recommends the nomination of Representative Pamela J. Benavidez as alternate.**

28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council reaffirms the**
29 **appointment of Representative Daniel L. A. Preston, III as Tucson Area delegate**
30 **to the Department of Health and Human Services Secretary's Tribal Advisory**
31 **Committee and nominates Representative Pamela J. Benavidez as alternate.**
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1 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that any appointment
2 made pursuant to this resolution shall immediately expire if the appointed
3 representative no longer serves on the Health and Human Services Committee for
4 any reason.

5 The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 19TH
6 day of SEPTEMBER 2023 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,263.3 FOR;
7 -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [03] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by
8 Article VI, Section 1(c)(2), and Section 1(j) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation,
9 adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy
10 Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the
11 Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).

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13 TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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16 Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

17 22 day of September, 2023
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25 Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

26 22 day of September, 2023
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29 Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono
30 O'odham Nation on the 22 day of September, 2023 at 1:05 o'clock, p.m.,
31 pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become
32 effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48
33 hours of submittal.

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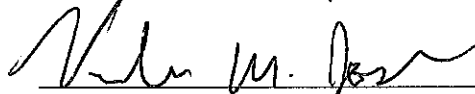
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APPROVED

on the 22 day of September, 2023

DISAPPROVED

at 2:55 o'clock, A.m.



**VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION**

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 22 day of

September, 2023, at 3:31 o'clock, P.m.



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: REAFFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL L.A. PRESTON, III TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SECRETARY'S TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVE PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ 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			
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			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. Eller)	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 OIDAK 247.1	1. LUCINDA ALLEN (Francis Homewytewa) 2. WAWALENE 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]