

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Extending Time for the Interim Executive Director of the Tohono O'odham
Gaming Office to Serve)**

RESOLUTION NO. 24-092

- 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, subject to the approval of the Tohono O'odham**
4 **Legislative Council (Constitution, Article VII, Section 2(e)); and**
- 5 **WHEREAS, the Appointed Officers law, 1 T.O.C. Chapter 4, establishes the process for**
6 **legislative review of appointed officer appointments by the appropriate oversight**
7 **committee and approval or disapproval by the Legislative Council, and 1 T.O.C.**
8 **Chapter 4, Section 4003(B) identifies the documents and information required for**
9 **such review, including the current job description and the appointee's current**
10 **resumé, contact information, and a written background investigation report for**
11 **each appointee; and**
- 12 **WHEREAS, the Appointed Officers law provides that "No person shall perform the functions**
13 **of, or be compensated for performing the duties of, an appointed officer for more**
14 **than 180 consecutive or nonconsecutive days without approval of the**
15 **appointment by resolution. The chairperson and Council may agree to extend the**
16 **180-day period by resolution." 1 T.O.C. Chapter 4, Section 4003(G); and**
- 17 **WHEREAS, on September 18, 2023 the Nation's Chairman Verlon Jose appointed Mary Ann**
18 **Ramirez as Interim Executive Director of the Tohono O'odham Gaming Office,**
19 **subject to the approval by the Legislative Council; and**
- 20 **WHEREAS, the 180-day period for Mary Ann Ramirez to serve as Interim Executive Director**
21 **of the Tohono O'odham Gaming Office will expire on March 16, 2024; and**
- 22 **WHEREAS, the March 13, 2024 Commerce Committee interview of Interim Executive Director**
23 **Mary Ann Ramirez was postponed until an updated Judicial Court background**
24 **check was obtained; and**
- 25 **WHEREAS, the Judicial Court background check has been updated and so that the Commerce**
26 **Committee's interview may be conducted, however the interview will not be**
27 **completed before the expiration of the 180-day time period; and**
- 28 **WHEREAS, pursuant to 1 T.O.C. Chapter 4, Section 4003(G) the Nation's chairperson has**
29 **requested an extension of the 180-day period for Mary Ann Ramirez to serve as**
30 **the Interim Executive Director of the Gaming Office so that the Commerce**
31 **Committee can conduct its interview and so that the approval process by the full**

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1 Tohono O'odham Legislative Council can take place and also be concluded within
2 such extension period; and

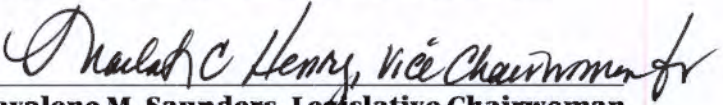
3 **WHEREAS,** the Commerce Committee has reviewed the chairman's request and
4 recommends an appointment period extension through April 14, 2024.

5 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council extends the
6 180-day period under 1 T.O.C. Chapter 4, Section 4003(G) of the Appointed Officers
7 law through April 14, 2024 for the Nation's current Interim Executive Director
8 Mary Ann Ramirez to serve in such capacity.

9 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that in accordance with
10 Section 4003(H) of the Appointed Officers law, the Council and committees will
11 not recognize or meet with an unapproved appointed officer after the appointee's
12 extension deadline, unless a subsequent extension is approved by Council
13 resolution.

14 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 15TH**
15 **day of MARCH 2024 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 2,830.0 FOR; 197.1**
16 **AGAINST; [01] NOT VOTING; and 236.2[03] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council**
17 **by Article VII, Section 2(e) and Article VI, Section 1(l)the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham**
18 **Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting**
19 **Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section**
20 **16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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23 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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27 **Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman**
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29 15TH day of March, 2024

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32 **ATTEST:**

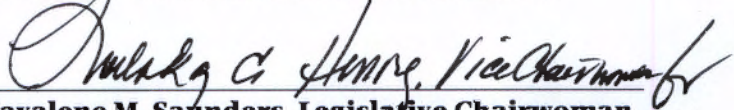
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35 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

36 15 day of March, 2024

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39 **Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono**
40 **O'odham Nation on the 15TH day of March, 2024 at 2:47 o'clock, p.m.,**
41 **pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become**
42 **effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48**
43 **hours of submittal.**
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TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL


Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

APPROVED

on the 15 day of March, 2024

DISAPPROVED

at 4:05 o'clock, p..m.


VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 15 day of

March, 2024, at 4:30 o'clock, p..m.


Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: EXTENDING TIME FOR THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM GAMING OFFICE TO SERVE

MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN VICTORIA HOBBS

SECOND: COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN

DATE: MARCH 15, 2024

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			
HICKIWAN 220.5	1. DELMA M. GARCIA () 2. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Loretta A. Ortega)	110.25 110.25	X X			X
PISINEMO 236.2	1. EDWARD D. MANUEL (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 (<i>Absent</i>) (Lorraine M. Eiler) (<i>Present</i>)	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. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez)	123.55 123.55	X X			
	TOTAL	3,263.30	2,830.0	197.10	[01]	236.2 [03]