

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Supporting the Initiative to Draw Attention to the Need for Nutrition, Particularly
Plant-Based Nutrition, to Address Diabetes, Obesity, Heart Disease, and Other
Issues by Updating the Dietary Guidelines)

RESOLUTION NO. 24-116

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, peace, morals,
3 education and general welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its members"
4 (Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, Article VI, Section 1(c)(2)); and
5 **WHEREAS,** the Legislative Council is further vested with the power to "consult with the
6 Congress of the United States and appropriate federal agencies regarding federal
7 activities that affect the Tohono O'odham Nation" (Constitution, Article VI,
8 Section 1(j)); and
9 **WHEREAS,** the Dietary Guidelines for Americans were first released in 1980 and work on a
10 new revision for 2025-2030 is currently underway; and
11 **WHEREAS,** the U.S. Departments of Agriculture ("USDA") and Health and Human Services
12 ("HHS") update and revise the Dietary Guidelines every five years; and
13 **WHEREAS,** the federal agencies have appointed a Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee
14 ("DGAC") which for the first time includes a Native American nutrition expert; and
15 **WHEREAS,** after reviewing the current body of nutrition science and considering questions
16 posed by the agencies and comments by the public, the DGAC will submit a
17 scientific report to the USDA and HHS, which is used to develop the next
18 guidelines; and
19 **WHEREAS,** the Nation encourages working with other Native American nations to build
20 awareness of the role of healthful nutrition; and
21 **WHEREAS,** the Nation recognizes Native American nations historically had plant-based diets
22 and their staple foods were corn, beans, and squash – the Three Sisters; and
23 **WHEREAS,** the Nation acknowledges that milk, cheese, and other dairy products were never
24 part of Native American nation traditions and Dairy is a European custom and
25 today, the Dietary Guidelines promote the consumption of milk, even though
26 most Native Americans cannot digest it; and
27 **WHEREAS,** the Health and Human Services Committee supports the movement of Native
28 American nations and organizations to highlight plant-based diets in order to
29 improve the Dietary Guidelines.

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1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council supports the**
2 **movement of Native American nations and organizations to highlight plant-**
3 **based diets in order to improve the Dietary Guidelines.**

4 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council encourages tribal**
5 **consultation with federal agencies and supports meeting with the Department of**
6 **Health and Human Services and the Department of Agriculture to discuss issues**
7 **with the Dietary Guidelines.**

8 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 10TH**
9 **day of APRIL 2024 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,263.3 FOR; -0-**
10 **AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**
11 **Article IX, Section 1(c)(2) and 1(j) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by**
12 **the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant**
13 **Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June**
14 **18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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16 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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

22 15TH day of April, 2024

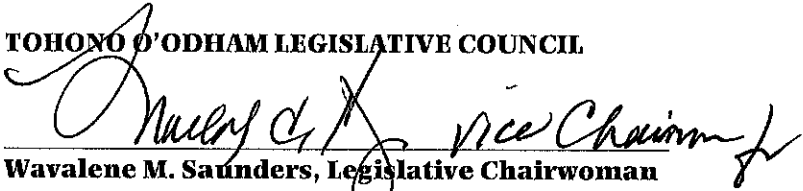
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25 **ATTEST:**

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28 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

29 12 day of April, 2024

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32 **Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono**
33 **O'odham Nation on the 15TH day of April, 2024 at 9:54 o'clock, A .m.,**
34 **pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become**
35 **effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48**
36 **hours of submittal.**

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] APPROVED

on the 15 day of April, 2024

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at 7:46 o'clock, p. .m.



VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 16 day of

April, 2024, at 11:30 o'clock, a .m.



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: SUPPORTING THE INITIATIVE TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE NEED FOR NUTRITION, PARTICULARLY PLANT-BASED NUTRITION, TO ADDRESS DIABETES, OBESITY, HEART DISEASE, AND OTHER ISSUES BY UPDATING THE DIETARY GUIDELINES

Moved: VICE CHAIRWOMAN MARLAKAY HENRY

SECOND: COUNCILMAN DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III

DATE: APRIL 10, 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			
GUACHI 282.7	1. VICTORIA HOBBS (Tonya L. Joaquín) 2. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN (Jerome L. Joaquín)	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			
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 (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 OIDAK 247.1	1. LUCINDA ALLEN (Francis Homewytewa) 2. WAVAENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez)	123.55 123.55	X X			
TOTAL		3,263.30	3,263.3	-0-	-0-	[01]