

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving the Appointment of Richard P. Saunders as Executive Director of the
Tohono O'odham Nation's Department of Natural Resources)**

RESOLUTION NO. 24-147

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 Nation's Chairman Verlon M. Jose has appointed Richard P. Saunders as the
6 executive director of the Department of Natural Resources of the Tohono
7 O'odham Nation, subject to the approval of the Legislative Council; and

8 **WHEREAS,** the Appointed Officers law, 1 T.O.C. Chapter 4, establishes the process for review
9 of appointments by the appropriate oversight committee and the Council and the
10 documents required, including copies of the current job description, the
11 appointee's current resume, contact information, and current written
12 background investigation report; and

13 **WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article III, Section 6(B) of the Legislative Rules of the Tohono
14 O'odham Legislative Council, the chairperson's "appointee to the position of
15 treasurer or other officers or heads of governmental departments shall not be
16 added to any Legislative Council session agenda for approval unless the
17 appropriate legislative committee interviews the appointee after receiving a
18 resumé and written background investigation report" containing detailed
19 employment, education, credit, litigation, and other information necessary to
20 determine the appointee's qualifications and fitness; and

21 **WHEREAS,** the Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee has received and reviewed the
22 detailed written background report and other documents required by the
23 Legislative Rules, 1 T.O.C. Chapter 4, interviewed the appointee, and recommends
24 that the Legislative Council approve the appointment.

25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the
26 appointment of Richard P. Saunders as executive director of the Department of
27 Natural Resources; provided that Richard P. Saunders shall serve until replaced
28 at the request of the Nation's chairperson.
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The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 08TH day of MAY 2024 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 1,949.25 FOR; 1,314.05 AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [06] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VII, Section 2(c) 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

13 day of May, 2024

ATTEST

Evonne Wilson

Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

13 day of May, 2024

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 13 day of May, 2024 at 4:46 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 14 day of May, 2024

DISAPPROVED

at 10:06 o'clock, a.m.

Verlon M. Jose

VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

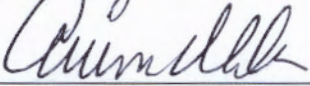
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Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 15 day of

May, 2024, at 2:31 o'clock, p.m.



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

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ACTION: APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD P. SAUNDERS AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION'S DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN GLORIA RAMIREZ

SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN JANICE FELIX

DATE: MAY 08, 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 | | | 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 | | | |
| 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 | | | 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 | | | 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 | | | X |
| | TOTAL | 3,263.30 | 1,949.25 | 1,314.05 | -0- | [06] |