

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
(Appointing Legislative Council Alternate Tonya L. Joaquin, Alternate Loretta A. Ortega,  
Alternate Arvada Liston, and Alternate Christina Andrews to the Miss Tohono  
O'odham Nation Committee as Interim Members)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-171**

1 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Tohono O'odham  
2 Legislative Council with the power to "provide for, appoint, or provide for the  
3 appointment of, and prescribe the duties and powers of committees, boards,  
4 officers and agents" and "to preserve and cultivate native arts, crafts and  
5 traditions" (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(b) and Section 1(c)(8)); and

6 **WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Nation has historically held a pageant to select young  
7 O'odham women to represent and serve the Nation as official ambassadors and  
8 in accordance with the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee Bylaws, the Miss  
9 Tohono O'odham Nation Committee has coordinated the Miss Tohono O'odham  
10 Nation pageant and acted as chaperones, among other duties and  
11 responsibilities provided for by the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee  
12 Bylaws, as amended by Resolution No. 11-421, Resolution No. 16-089, and  
13 Resolution No. 23-302; and

14 **WHEREAS,** the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee is comprised of "five enrolled  
15 female members of the Nation who are at least 25 years of age with a preference  
16 for O'odham speakers" who serve staggered, four year terms and who "shall  
17 remain in office until their successors have been appointed and may serve an  
18 unlimited number of terms" (Committee Bylaws, Sections 3102(B) and (D)); and

19 **WHEREAS,** due to recent resignations, the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee has one  
20 remaining member and an insufficient number of committee members for a  
21 quorum to conduct business; and

22 **WHEREAS,** the Human Resources Development Committee has advertised Miss Tohono  
23 O'odham Nation Committee vacancies for a number of months and years but no  
24 eligible applicants have submitted their resumes and letters of interest; and

25 **WHEREAS,** in order to support the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee, the Human  
26 Resources Development Committee contacted Legislative Council female  
27 alternates to ask if any alternate would be willing to serve as an interim Miss  
28 Tohono O'odham Nation Committee member; and

29 **WHEREAS;** four Legislative Council female alternates have agreed to serve as interim Miss  
30 Tohono O'odham Nation Committee members; and  
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1 **WHEREAS, it is in the Nation's best interest to appoint Legislative Council Alternate Tonya L.**  
2 **Joaquin, Alternate Loretta A. Ortega, Alternate Arvada Liston, and Alternate**  
3 **Christina Andrews as interim Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee members**  
4 **to exercise the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee's functions while the**  
5 **Human Resources Development Committee continues to advertise and recruit**  
6 **applicants.**

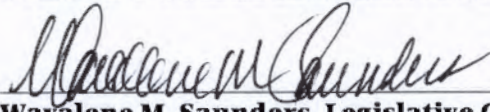
7 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council appoints**  
8 **Legislative Council Alternate Tonya L. Joaquin, Alternate Loretta A. Ortega,**  
9 **Alternate Arvada Liston, and Alternate Christina Andrews to serve as interim**  
10 **members on the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee for a term of six**  
11 **months effective June 17, 2024, provided that:**

- 12 **(1) nothing in this resolution precludes the Legislative Council from appointing**  
13 **Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee members to replace interim Miss**  
14 **Tohono O'odham Nation Committee members appointed by this resolution;**  
15 **and**  
16 **(2) if an interim Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee member appointed by**  
17 **this Resolution no longer serves as a Legislative Council alternate for any**  
18 **reason, her appointment shall expire immediately.**

19 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that the Human Resources**  
20 **Development Committee shall evaluate the interim Miss Tohono O'odham Nation**  
21 **Committee member appointments made by this Resolution prior to their**  
22 **expiration to determine if the appointments should be extended.**

23 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 17<sup>th</sup>**  
24 **day of JUNE 2024 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,263.3 FOR; -0-**  
25 **AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [02] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**  
26 **Article VI, Section 1(b) and Section 1(c)(8) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation,**  
27 **adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy**  
28 **Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the**  
29 **Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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31 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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

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37 18 day of June, 2024  
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1 ATTEST:

2 *Evonne Wilson*  
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4 Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

5 18 day of June, 2024

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8 Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono  
9 O'odham Nation on the 18 day of June, 2024 at 10:18 o'clock, a .m.,  
10 pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become  
11 effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48  
12 hours of submittal.

13 TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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15 *Wavalene M. Saunders*  
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17 Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

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23  APPROVED

on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024

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at 3:55 o'clock, P .m.

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30 VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN  
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36 Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 18 day of

37 June, 2024, at 4:00 o'clock, p .m.

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39 *Evonne Wilson*  
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42 Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

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**ACTION: APPOINTING LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ALTERNATE TONYA L. JOAQUIN, ALTERNATE LORETTA A. ORTEGA, ALTERNATE ARVADA LISTON, AND ALTERNATE CHRISTINA ANDREWS TO THE MISS TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION COMMITTEE AS INTERIM MEMBERS**

**Moved: COUNCILWOMAN JANICE FELIX**

**SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN LUCINDA ALLEN**

**DATE: JUNE 17, 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 ( <i>Absent</i> ) (Tonya L. Joaquin) ( <i>Present</i> ) 2. JEROME F. 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			
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 ( <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 OIDA 247.1	1. LUCINDA ALLEN (Francis Homewytewa) 2. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez)	123.55 123.55	X X			
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,263.30</b>	<b>3,263.3</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>[02]</b>