

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving Memorandum of Understanding Between the Tohono O'odham Nation
and the Arizona Game and Fish Department Turtles and Tortoises Program)**

RESOLUTION NO. 24-339

1 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council is authorized to "conclude agreements**
2 **and contracts on behalf of the Tohono O'odham Nation with Federal, State and**
3 **Local government." (Tohono O'odham Nation Constitution, Article VI, Sec. 1(f));**
4 **and**

5 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council is authorized to "manage, protect, and**
6 **regulate the use of the property, wildlife, land, air and natural resources**
7 **(including surface and ground waters) of the Tohono O'odham Nation." (Tohono**
8 **O'odham Nation Constitution, Article VI, Sec. 1(i)(2)); and**

9 **WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources Wildlife and Vegetation Management**
10 **Program has submitted a proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the**
11 **Arizona Game and Fish Department Turtles and Tortoises Program to collaborate**
12 **on research, monitoring, and conservation efforts aimed at better understanding**
13 **the behaviors, ranges, and habitats of turtles and tortoises within the boundaries**
14 **of the Nation; and**

15 **WHEREAS, this Memorandum of Understanding is intended to increase conservation efforts**
16 **of native turtles and tortoises through inter-governmental cooperation to**
17 **develop conservation measures that better protect and preserve these culturally**
18 **sensitive species; and**

19 **WHEREAS, the Agriculture and Natural Resource Committee has reviewed the Memorandum**
20 **of Understanding between the Tohono O'odham Department of Natural**
21 **Resources Department Wildlife and Vegetation Management Program and the**
22 **Arizona Game and Fish Department Turtles and Tortoises Program and**
23 **recommends its approval.**

24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the**
25 **Memorandum of Understanding between the Tohono O'odham Department of**
26 **Natural Resources Wildlife and Vegetation Management Program and the**
27 **Arizona Game and Fish Department ("AZGF") Turtles and Tortoises Program.**

28 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that the Tohono O'odham**
29 **Nation chairperson or any designated official is authorized to sign the**
30 **Memorandum of Understanding between the Tohono O'odham Nation Wildlife**
31 **and Vegetation Management Program ("WVMP") and the Arizona Game and Fish**
32 **Department ("AZGF") Turtles and Tortoises Program.**

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The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 08TH day of OCTOBER 2024 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,263.3 FOR; -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [02] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 1(i)(2) and 1(f) 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

11TH day of OCTOBER, 2024

ATTEST:

Evonne Wilson
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

11 day of October, 2024

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 11TH day of OCTOBER, 2024 at 4:05 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 October, 2024

DISAPPROVED

at 3:50 o'clock, P.m.

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VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

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Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 15 day of
October, 2024, at 10:15 o'clock, a.m.

Evonne Wilson
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

**ACTION: APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION,
(ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT TURTLES AND TORTOISES PROGRAM)**

MOVED: COUNCILMAN ROGER MANUEL

SECOND: COUNCILMAN JEROME F. JOAQUIN

DATE: OCTOBER 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. JEROME F. JOAQUIN ()	141.35 141.35	X X			
GU VO 276.0	1. DALLAS LEWIS () 2. LESLIE LUNA ()	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 () 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			
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. FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA () 2. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez)	123.55 123.55	X X			
	TOTAL	3,263.30	3,263.3	-0-	-0-	[02]