

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement Between the Tohono O'odham Nation and the Bureau of Land Management Tucson Field Office Supporting Co-Stewardship of Certain Lands in the Baboquivari and Coyote Mountains)

RESOLUTION NO. 24-419

1 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Tohono O'odham
2 Legislative Council with the authority to manage, protect, preserve and regulate
3 the use of the property, wildlife, land, air and natural resources of the Tohono
4 O'odham Nation" and to "consult, negotiate, and conclude agreements and
5 contracts on behalf of the Tohono O'odham Nation with the Federal, State, and
6 local governments." (Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, Article VI,
7 Section 1(i)(2) and (f)); and

8 **WHEREAS,** when the United States established reserved lands for the Tohono O'odham
9 Nation in 1917, the Baboquivari Mountain range was arbitrarily split in half, and
10 only the western half of both the range and Baboquivari Peak was included within
11 the Nation's main reservation; and

12 **WHEREAS,** several parcels of land on the eastern side of the Baboquivari Mountain range
13 and the adjacent Coyote Mountains have since come under the management of
14 the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM"), including the Baboquivari Peak
15 Wilderness and Coyote Mountain Wilderness as well as certain non-Wilderness
16 Lands (collectively, the "Co-Stewardship Areas"); and

17 **WHEREAS,** the Nation has previously expressed the importance of Baboquivari Peak and
18 Mountain through resolutions of the Legislative Council (Resolution No. 18-83
19 "Baboquivari Peak and Mountain"; Resolution No. 97-074 "Reaffirming
20 Resolution Nos. 18-83, 95-066, and 96-112 - Baboquivari Peak"; Resolution No. 96-
21 221 "NCAI Support of the Return of Baboquivari Peak"; Resolution No. 98-079
22 "Approving the Return of the Eastern Portion of Baboquivari Peak"; Resolution
23 No. 14-332 "Reaffirming Nation's Support for Return of the Eastern Portion of
24 Baboquivari Peak"; Resolution 17-232 "Supporting Bureau of Land
25 Management's Baboquivari Peak Wilderness and Coyote Mountains Wilderness
26 Management Plan"); and

27 **WHEREAS,** The Nation has negotiated an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with
28 the BLM Tucson Field Office wherein the Nation and BLM agree to collaborate and
29 coordinate co-stewardship, planning, actions, and monitoring in the Co-
30 Stewardship Areas to, in part, enhance natural and cultural resource protection,

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1 increase Tribal engagement, and ensure that Tribal priorities and perspectives
2 inform BLM's management of the Co-Stewardship Areas;
3 **WHEREAS,** the Appropriations Committee, the Cultural Preservation Committee, and the
4 Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee participated in the negotiating
5 and drafting process, have reviewed the Intergovernmental Cooperative
6 Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto, and recommend its approval.
7 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the
8 Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement Between the Tohono O'odham Nation
9 and the BLM Tucson Field Office Supporting Co-Stewardship of Certain Lands in
10 the Baboquivari and Coyote Mountains substantially in the form attached hereto,
11 and authorizes the chairman of the Nation, or his designee, to execute the
12 Agreement.

13 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 10TH**
14 **day of DECEMBER 2024 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,263.3 FOR;**
15 **-0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [03] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**
16 **Article VI, Section 1(i)(2) and (f) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by**
17 **the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant**
18 **Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June**
19 **18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

21 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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23 Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman
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25 10th day of December, 2024

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30 **ATTEST:**

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32 Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary
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34 13 day of December, 2024
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37 **Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono**
38 **O'odham Nation on the 10th day of December, 2024 at 8:48 o'clock, A .m.,**
39 **pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become**
40 **effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48**
41 **hours of submittal.**
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TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL



Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

APPROVED

on the 16 day of December, 2024

DISAPPROVED

at 12:59 o'clock, P. .m.



VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 17 day of

December, 2024, at 10:23 o'clock, A. .m.



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

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ACTION: APPROVING INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION AND THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT TUCSON FIELD OFFICE SUPPORTING CO-STEWARDSHIP OF CERTAIN LANDS IN THE BABOQUIVARI AND COYOTE MOUNTAINS

Moved: VICE CHAIRWOMAN MARLAKAY HENRY

SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS

DATE: DECEMBER 10, 2024

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI 394.2	1. LEANDER MASE (Francine Schooling)	197.1	X			
	2. JESSE NAVARRO (Alberta J. Ray)	197.1	X			
CHUKUT KUK 354.7	1. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone)	177.35	X			
	2. MARLAKAY HENRY ()	177.35	X			
GU ACHI 282.7	1. VICTORIA HOBBS (Tonya L. Joaquin)	141.35	X			
	2. JEROME F. JOAQUIN ()	141.35	X			
GU VO 276.0	1. DALLAS LEWIS ()	138.0	X			X
	2. LESLIE LUNA ()	138.0	X			
HICKIWAN 220.5	1. DELMA M. GARCIA ()	110.25	X			
	2. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Loretta A. Ortega)	110.25	X			
PISINEMO 236.2	1. EDWARD D. MANUEL ()	118.1	X			
	2. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Nora J. Ruelas)	118.1	X			
SAN LUCY 257.6	1. ROGER MANUEL <i>(Absent)</i> (Christina Andrews) <i>(Present)</i>	128.8	X			X
	2. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (Lorraine M. Eiler)	128.8	X			
SAN XAVIER 244.5	1. JANICE FELIX ()	122.25	X			
	2. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III ()	122.25	X			
SCHUK TOAK 191.8	1. DELISA M. RAMON <i>(Absent)</i> (Sharon A. Francisco) <i>(Present)</i>	95.9	X			X
	2. THEORIA CAMPILLO (Rebecca Ann Valentine)	95.9	X			
SELLS 558.0	1. EVELYN JUAN MANUEL (Arvada Liston)	279.0	X			
	2. JANET B. ELEANDO ()	279.0	X			
SIF OIDAK 247.1	1. FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA ()	123.55	X			
	2. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez)	123.55	X			
TOTAL		3,263.30	3,263.3	-0-	-0-	[03]