

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Nominating Representative Daniel L.A. Preston, III as Delegate and Representative
Pamela J. Benavidez as Alternate to the Department of Health and Human
Services Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee)**

RESOLUTION NO. 25-033

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 . . . and general
3 welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its members" and to "consult with the
4 Congress of the United States and appropriate federal agencies regarding federal
5 activities that affect the Tohono O'odham Nation" (Constitution, Article VI,
6 Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(j)); and

7 **WHEREAS,** the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") Secretary's Tribal
8 Advisory Committee ("STAC"), established in 2010, represents the highest level
9 tribal advisory committee in the HHS and is intended as a forum for government-
10 to-government consultation; and

11 **WHEREAS,** the STAC's primary purpose is to identify issues and priorities, seek consensus,
12 exchange views, share information, provide advice and recommendations, and
13 coordinate with HHS agencies on all matters related to improving health and
14 human services and ensuring tribal consultation on HHS policies affecting
15 American Indian and Alaska Native communities; and

16 **WHEREAS,** the STAC's tribal representation is comprised of 17 positions filled by voluntary
17 representatives: one delegate (and one alternate) from each of the 12 Indian
18 Health Service ("IHS") areas and one delegate (and one alternate) for five National
19 At-Large Tribal Member positions; and

20 **WHEREAS,** by Resolution No. 23-379, the Legislative Council reaffirmed the appointment of
21 Representative Daniel L.A. Preston, III as the STAC Tucson Area delegate and
22 nominated Representative Pamela J. Benavidez as alternate; and

23 **WHEREAS,** Representative Daniel L.A. Preston, III and Representative Pamela J. Benavidez
24 have served as the STAC Tucson Area delegate and alternate, however, their terms
25 have expired; and

26 **WHEREAS,** the Health and Human Services Committee recommends the nominations of
27 Representative Daniel L.A. Preston, III and Representative Pamela J. Benavidez
28 to continue to serve as the STAC Tucson Area delegate and alternate.

29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council nominates
30 Representative Daniel L. A. Preston, III to serve as Tucson Area delegate and

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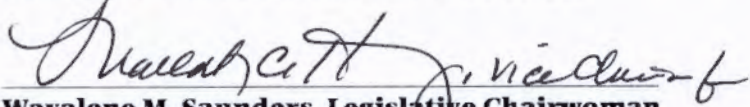
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1 **Representative Pamela J. Benavidez as alternate on the Department of Health**
2 **and Human Services Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee.**

3 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that any appointment
4 made pursuant to this resolution shall immediately expire if the appointed
5 representative no longer serves on the Health and Human Services Committee for
6 any reason.

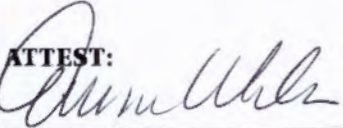
7 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 11TH**
8 **day of FEBRUARY 2025 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 2,705.3 FOR;**
9 **-0- AGAINST; 558.0 [02] NOT VOTING; and [02] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the**
10 **Council by Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(j) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham**
11 **Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting**
12 **Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section**
13 **16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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16 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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

21 14TH day of February, 2025

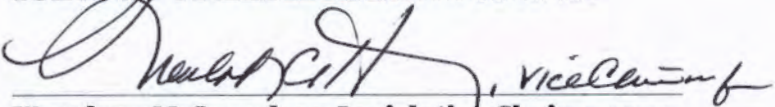
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25 **ATTEST:**

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28 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

29 13 day of February, 2025

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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 14TH day of February, 2025 at 8:54 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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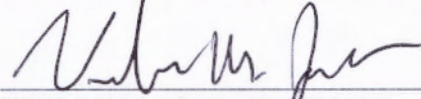
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on the 14 day of February, 2025

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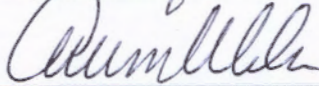
at 11:22 o'clock, a. .m.



VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 14 day of

February, 2025, at 9:25 o'clock, p. .m.



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

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ACTION: NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL L.A. PRESTON, III AS DELEGATE AND REPRESENTATIVE PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ AS ALTERNATE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SECRETARY'S TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS

SECOND: COUNCILMAN LEANDER MASE

DATE: FERRUARY 11, 2025

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
GU ACHI 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 (Loretia A. Ortega)	110.25 110.25	X 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			
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	3,263.3	2,705.3	-0-	558.0 [02]	[02]