

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
(Arizona Indian Gaming Association Membership)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-041**

1   **WHEREAS,**    **the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council with**  
2                   **the authority to "consult, negotiate and conclude agreements and contracts on**  
3                   **behalf of the Tohono O'odham Nation with Federal, State and local governments**  
4                   **and other Indian tribes or their departments, agencies, or political subdivisions,**  
5                   **or with private persons or organizations on all matters within the authority of the**  
6                   **Tohono O'odham Council." (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(f)); and**  
7   **WHEREAS,**    **the Congress of the United States has enacted into law the Indian Gaming**  
8                   **Regulatory Act, Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. §§ 2701-2721 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 1166-**  
9                   **1168 (the "Act"), which requires a tribal-state compact negotiated between a tribe**  
10                  **and a state in order to conduct Class III Gaming Activity on the Indian Lands of a**  
11                  **tribe; and**  
12   **WHEREAS,**    **the Nation and the State of Arizona have entered into a tribal-state gaming**  
13                  **compact (the "Compact") for the conduct of Class III Gaming on the Nation's**  
14                  **Indian lands; and**  
15   **WHEREAS,**    **consistent with the Act, the Compact recognizes "gaming by Indian tribes as a**  
16                  **means of promoting tribal economic development, self-sufficiency, and strong**  
17                  **tribal governments" (Compact, Declaration of Policy and Purpose); and**  
18   **WHEREAS,**    **nine of the twenty-two tribes in the State of Arizona, including the Tohono**  
19                  **O'odham Nation, are currently members of the Arizona Indian Gaming**  
20                  **Association ("AIGA"); and**  
21   **WHEREAS,**    **by Resolution No. 24-143, the Legislative Council directed "the Commerce**  
22                  **Committee and Nation's chairperson to evaluate and make a recommendation to**  
23                  **the Legislative Council regarding the Nation's continuing membership in AIGA";**  
24                  **and**  
25   **WHEREAS,**    **the Commerce Committee and Chairman Verlon M. Jose have conferred and the**  
26                  **Commerce Committee recommends discontinuing the Nation's AIGA**  
27                  **membership at this time; provided that the Nation will continue actively**  
28                  **coordinating with all Arizona tribes to support and defend tribal gaming**  
29                  **interests, including substantial tribal exclusivity.**  
30   **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that it resigns  
31                  **from AIGA effective February 28, 2025 and directs the Tohono O'odham Gaming**  
32                  **Enterprise to pay the Nation's 2025 AIGA dues for January and February 2025 in**  
33                  **the total amount of \$8,341.67.**

The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 12<sup>TH</sup> day of FEBRUARY 2025 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,005.7 FOR; -0- AGAINST; 257.6 [02] NOT VOTING; and -0- ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 1(d) and (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  
18 day of February, 2025

ATTEST:

*Evonne Wilson*  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary  
18 day of February, 2025

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 18 day of February, 2025 at 10:40 o'clock, a .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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

DISAPPROVED at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ .m.

VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN  
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

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Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 10 day of  
February, 2025, at 10:37 o'clock, A.m.

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ACTION: ARIZONA INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN JANICE FELIX

SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN VICTORIA HOBBS

DATE: FEBRUARY 12, 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			
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 (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			
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			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,263.3</b>	<b>3,005.7</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>257.6</b> <b>[02]</b>	<b>-0-</b>