

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Appointing Joseph Hardy, Jr. to the Tohono O'odham Judicial Court for Another Term)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-085

1 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council is vested with the power to appoint**
2 **judges to the Tohono O'odham Judicial Court pursuant to the Constitution of the**
3 **Tohono O'odham Nation, which states, "[t]he Tohono O'odham Courts shall be**
4 **courts of record and shall consist of at least six (6) judges appointed by the Tohono**
5 **O'odham Council." (Constitution, Article VIII, Section 3); and**

6 **WHEREAS, the Constitution requires the judges' terms to be staggered so that approximately**
7 **one-third of the judges are appointed every other year (Constitution, Article VIII,**
8 **Section 4); and**

9 **WHEREAS, 6 Tohono O'odham Code Chapter 1- Courts and Procedures, provides in part that**
10 **trial court judges "serve six-year terms. . ." and "shall continue to discharge the**
11 **duties of that office, although the judge's term has expired, until a successor is**
12 **appointed and sworn in."(Section 1103(A) and (B)); and**

13 **WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 21-152, the Legislative Council appointed Joseph Hardy, Jr. to**
14 **the Tohono O'odham Judicial Court; and**

15 **WHEREAS, Judge Hardy's term expired on January 31, 2025 and he continues in office until**
16 **his successor is appointed and sworn in; and**

17 **WHEREAS, 6 Tohono O'odham Code Chapter 1 provides in part that "a candidate for Judicial**
18 **Court judge shall have at least four years of trial and other in-court experience as**
19 **an attorney, advocate, or judge, and . . . a candidate who possesses a juris**
20 **doctorate shall be licensed to practice in any state, be a member in good standing**
21 **with a state bar association, and have at least four years of experience as a**
22 **practicing attorney, provided that at least two Judicial Court judges shall satisfy**
23 **the requirements of this subsection (C)(3)(a) and have at least four years of**
24 **experience prosecuting, defending, or presiding over criminal cases" (Section**
25 **1103(C)(3)(a)); and**

26 **WHEREAS, Judge Hardy has applied for reappointment to the Judicial Court, and he has at**
27 **least four years of trial and other in-court experience as an attorney or judge, he**
28 **possesses a juris doctorate, is licensed to practice law in Arizona, and is a member**
29 **in good standing with the State Bar of Arizona; and**
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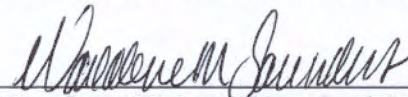
1 **WHEREAS, the Judiciary Committee, having legislative oversight of matters pertaining to the**
2 **Tohono O'odham Judicial Court, has reviewed Judge Hardy's application and**
3 **background information, and has interviewed Judge Hardy; and**

4 **WHEREAS, the Legislative Council has likewise interviewed Judge Hardy and reviewed his**
5 **application materials and background investigation report.**

6 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that it appoints**
7 **Judge Hardy as a Tohono O'odham Judicial Court judge for another term**
8 **beginning on the effective date of this resolution and ending January 31, 2031,**
9 **provided that he shall continue to discharge the duties of the office until a**
10 **successor is appointed and sworn in if he satisfies the requirement of 6 Tohono**
11 **O'odham Code Chapter 1, Section 1103(C)(2) and (3).**

12 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 09TH**
13 **day of APRIL 2025 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,263.3 FOR; -0-**
14 **AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**
15 **Article VIII, Sections 3 of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the**
16 **Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant**
17 **Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June**
18 **18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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20 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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

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26 15 day of April, 2025

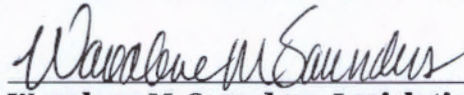
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29 **ATTEST:**

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32 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

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34 14 day of April, 2025

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36 **Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono**
37 **O'odham Nation on the 15 day of April, 2025 at 10:10 o'clock, a .m.,**
38 **pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become**
39 **effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48**
40 **hours of submittal.**

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL



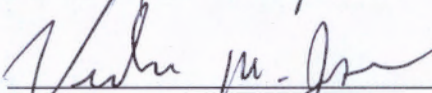
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

☒ APPROVED

on the 16 day of April, 2025

☐ DISAPPROVED

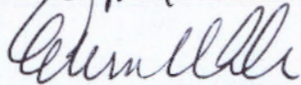
at 2:24 o'clock, p.m.



VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 16 day of

April, 2025, at 2:47 o'clock, p.m.



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: APPOINTING JOSEPH HARDY, JR. TO THE TOHONO O'ODHAM JUDICIAL COURT FOR ANOTHER TERM

MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN GLORIA M. RAMIREZ
JOAQUIN

SECOND: COUNCILMAN JEROME F.

DATE: APRIL 09, 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 (<i>Absent</i>) (Nora J. Ruelas) (<i>Present</i>)	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			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	3,263.3	-0-	-0-	[01]