

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Appointing Human Resources Development Committee Members Representative
Janice Felix, Representative DeLisa Ramon, and Representative Naomi Monte
to the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee as Interim Members)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-220

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Tohono O'odham
2 Legislative Council with the power to "provide for, appoint, or provide for the
3 appointment of, and prescribe the duties and powers of committees, boards,
4 officers and agents" and "to preserve and cultivate native arts, crafts and
5 traditions" (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(b) and Section 1(c)(8)); and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Nation has historically held a pageant to select young
7 O'odham women to represent and serve the Nation as official ambassadors and
8 in accordance with the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee Bylaws, the Miss
9 Tohono O'odham Nation Committee has coordinated the Miss Tohono O'odham
10 Nation pageant and acted as chaperones, among other duties and
11 responsibilities provided for by the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee
12 Bylaws, as amended by Resolution No. 11-421, Resolution No. 16-089, and
13 Resolution No. 23-302; and
- 14 **WHEREAS,** the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee is comprised of "five enrolled
15 female members of the Nation who are at least 25 years of age with a preference
16 for O'odham speakers" who serve staggered, four year terms and who "shall
17 remain in office until their successors have been appointed and may serve an
18 unlimited number of terms" (Committee Bylaws, Sections 3102(B) and (D)); and
- 19 **WHEREAS,** by Resolution Nos. 24-171 and 24-387, the Legislative Council appointed four
20 female Council alternates as interim Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee
21 members and their terms expired on June 17, 2025; and
- 22 **WHEREAS,** the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee currently has one member and an
23 insufficient number of committee members for a quorum to conduct business;
24 and
- 25 **WHEREAS,** the Human Resources Development Committee has advertised Miss Tohono
26 O'odham Nation Committee vacancies for a number of years, but only one eligible
27 applicant submitted her resume and letter of interest and was subsequently
28 appointed by the Legislative Council in 2024; and
- 29 **WHEREAS,** Council Alternate Loretta A. Ortega is interested and has agreed to serve as an
30 interim Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee member; and

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WHEREAS, to help the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee have enough members for a quorum and to cover chaperone responsibilities, the Human Resources Development Committee recommends appointing Committee members Representative Janice Felix, Representative DeLisa Ramon, and Representative Naomi Monte on an interim basis until the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee has enough members to help support Miss Tohono O'odham Nation and titleholders with appearances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, notwithstanding Section 3102 (A) of the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee Bylaws, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council appoints Representative Janice Felix, Representative DeLisa Ramon, and Representative Naomi Monte to serve as interim members on the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee until the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee has enough members to help support Miss Tohono O'odham Nation and titleholders with appearances, provided that:

- (1) nothing in this resolution precludes the Legislative Council from appointing Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee members to replace interim Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee members;**
- (2) if an interim Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee member appointed by this resolution no longer serves on the Human Resources Development Committee for any reason, her appointment on the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee shall expire immediately;**
- (3) interim Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee members appointed by this resolution shall not be eligible for per diem and mileage to attend a Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee meeting, but shall be eligible for travel per diem and/or mileage and travel expenses for attending Miss Tohono O'odham Nation functions as a chaperone in accordance with the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee Bylaws; and**
- (4) interim Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee members from the Human Resources Development Committee will provide updates to the Legislative Council upon request regarding Miss Tohono O'odham Nation events and appearances.**

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The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 24TH day of JULY, 2025 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,098.2 FOR; -0- AGAINST; 222.9[03] NOT VOTING; and -0- ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 1(b) and Section 1(c)(8) 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

28 day of July, 2025

ATTEST:

Yvonne Wilson
Yvonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

25 day of July, 2025

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 28 day of July, 2025 at 3:50 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 30 day of July, 2025

☐ DISAPPROVED

at 12:49 o'clock, P.m.

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VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

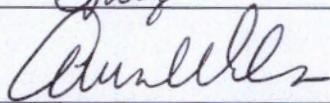
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Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 30 day of

July, 2025, at 1:03 o'clock, p.m.



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: APPOINTING HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTATIVE JANICE FELIX, REPRESENTATIVE DELISA RAMON, AND REPRESENTATIVE NAOMI MONTE TO THE MISS TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION COMMITTEE AS INTERIM MEMBERS

MOVED: COUNCILMAN FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA

SECOND: COUNCILMAN BENNETT CHEWING

DATE: JULY 24, 2025

| DISTRICT | LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES | # OF VOTES | FOR | AGAINST | NOT VOTING | ABSENT |
|----------------------|--|------------------|---------|---------|---------------|--------|
| SIF OIDAK 251.2 | 1. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez) 2. FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA () | 125.6 125.6 | X X | | | |
| SELLS 565.7 | 1. JANET B. ELEANDO () 2. EVELYN JUAN MANUEL (Juan Buendia) | 282.85 282.85 | X X | | X | |
| SCHUK TOAK 195.3 | 1. THEORIA CAMPILLO (Rebecca Ann Valentine) 2. DELISA M. RAMON (Quintin C. Lopez) | 97.65 97.65 | X X | | | |
| SAN XAVIER 249.8 | 1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III () 2. JANICE FELIX () | 124.9 124.9 | X X | | | |
| SAN LUCY 266.3 | 1. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (Lorraine M. Eiler) 2. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews) | 133.15 133.15 | X X | | | |
| PISINEMO 240.3 | 1. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Nora J. Ruelas) 2. NAOMI MONTE (Edward D. Manuel) | 120.15 120.15 | X X | | | |
| HICKIWAN 222.9 | 1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Loretta A. Ortega) 2. DELMA M. GARCIA () | 111.45 111.45 | | | X X | |
| GU VO 279.6 | 1. LESLIE LUNA () 2. BENNETT CHEWING () | 139.8 139.8 | X X | | | |
| GU ACHI 289.2 | 1. JEROME F. JOAQUIN (Gloria Johnson) 2. LUCIUS E. LOPEZ (Victoria A. Hobbs) | 144.6 144.6 | X X | | | |
| CHUKUT KUK 361.9 | 1. MARLAKAY HENRY () 2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone) | 180.95 180.95 | X X | | | |
| BABOQUIVARI 398.9 | 1. JESSE NAVARRO (Alberta J. Ray) 2. NED NORRIS, JR (Leander Mase) | 199.45 199.45 | X X | | | |
| TOTAL | | 3,321.1 | 3,098.2 | -0- | 222.9 [03] | -0- |