

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Nominating Representative Pamela J. Benavidez as the Health Resources and
Services Administration Tribal Advisory Council Tucson Area Delegate
Member and Representative Lucius E. Lopez as Alternate)

RESOLUTION NO. 25-248

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, peace, morals,
3 education and general welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its members"
4 and to "consult, negotiate and conclude agreements and contracts on behalf of
5 the Tohono O'odham Nation with Federal, State and local governments and other
6 Indian tribes . . . within the authority of the Tohono O'odham Council."
7 (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(f)); and

8 **WHEREAS,** in 2021, the Health Resources and Services Administration, an agency of the U.S.
9 Department of Health and Human Services, established the Health Resources
10 and Services Administration ("HRSA") Tribal Advisory Council ("TAC"), a
11 significant government-to-government vehicle to consult with Indian Country;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS,** the HRSA TAC will be established to engage in regular and meaningful
14 collaboration and consultation with tribal officials on policies that have tribal
15 implications and substantial direct effect on Indian tribes, and will be the vehicle
16 for acquiring a broad range of tribal views, determining the impact of HRSA
17 programs on the American Indian and Alaska Natives health systems and
18 population, developing innovative approaches to deliver health care, and
19 assisting with effective tribal consultation; and

20 **WHEREAS,** the HRSA is comprised of eligible tribal officials to serve as HRSA TAC delegate
21 members which fill up to 12 voluntary positions on the HRSA TAC, one authorized
22 tribal representative (and one designated alternate) from each of the 12 Indian
23 Health Service geographic areas to serve terms of up to 2 years; and

24 **WHEREAS,** the Health and Human Services Committee recommends nominating
25 Representative Pamela J. Benavidez for appointment as the HRSA TAC Tucson
26 Area delegate member and Representative Lucius E. Lopez as alternate.

27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council nominates
28 Representative Pamela J. Benavidez for appointment as the Health Resources
29 and Services Administration Tribal Advisory Council Tucson Area delegate
30 member and Representative Lucius E. Lopez as alternate.
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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that appointments made pursuant to this resolution shall immediately expire if the appointed representatives no longer serve on the Health and Human Services Committee for any reason.

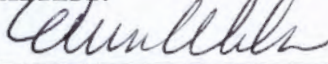
The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 05TH day of AUGUST, 2025 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,321.1 FOR; -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [02] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(f) 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, Legislative Chairwoman

8TH day of August, 2025

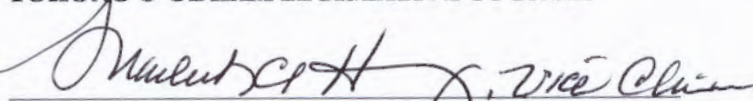
ATTEST:


Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

7 day of August, 2025

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 8TH day of August, 2025 at 8:14 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.

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☒ APPROVED

on the 8 day of August, 2025

☐ DISAPPROVED

at 9 o'clock, A.m.

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VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 8 day of

August, 2025, at 10:14 o'clock, a.m.

Evonne Wilson
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVE PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ AS THE HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION TRIBAL ADVISORY COUNCIL TUCSON AREA DELEGATE MEMBER AND REPRESENTATIVE LUCIUS E. LOPEZ AS ALTERNATE

MOVED: COUNCILMAN DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III

SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS

DATE: AUGUST 05, 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			X
SELLS 565.7	1. JANET B. ELEANDO () 2. EVELYN JUAN MANUEL (Juan Buendia)	282.85 282.85	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			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 (<i>Absent</i>) (Christina Andrews) (<i>Present</i>)	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	3,321.1	-0-	-0-	[02]