

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**(Appointing Representative Delma M. Garcia as the Nation's Representative to the**  
**Southwest Indian Agricultural Association Board of Directors and**  
**Representative Roger Manuel as Alternate)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-288**

1 **WHEREAS,** it is the policy of the Tohono O'odham Nation "to promote efforts which will  
2 preserve and protect the natural and cultural environment of the Tohono  
3 O'odham Nation," and the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council is vested with the  
4 responsibility to "[p]reserve important historic, cultural and natural aspects of  
5 Tohono O'odham national heritage, and maintain . . . an environment which  
6 supports diversity" (Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, Article XVIII,  
7 Section 1 and Section 2(d)); and  
8 **WHEREAS,** the Southwest Indian Agricultural Association ("SWIAA"), an Arizona non-profit  
9 Corporation, was formed in 1987 with the stated purpose to "[p]romote the  
10 conservation, development, and use of Native American agricultural resources  
11 located in the southwestern United States." (SWIAA Bylaws, Article 2, Section 2);  
12 and  
13 **WHEREAS,** membership in the SWIAA is open to any Indian organization recognized by its  
14 tribal government and/or federally recognized tribe with an interest in the  
15 management and development of Indian agriculture resources; and  
16 **WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Nation has a vested interest in the field of agriculture for its  
17 members; and  
18 **WHEREAS,** by Resolution No. 23-465, the Legislative Council appointed Representative  
19 Dallas Lewis as the Nation's representative and Representative Edward Manuel  
20 as the Nation's alternate to the SWIAA Board of Directors, provided that "any  
21 appointments made pursuant to [the] resolution shall immediately expire if the  
22 appointed representatives no longer serve on the Agricultural and Natural  
23 Resources Committee for any reason."; and  
24 **WHEREAS,** the Nation currently is not represented on the SWIAA Board of Directors; and  
25 **WHEREAS,** the Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee recommends the  
26 appointment of Representative Delma M. Garcia as the Nation's representative  
27 and Representative Roger Manuel as alternate to the SWIAA Board of Directors.  
28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council appoints  
29 Representative Delma M. Garcia as the Nation's representative and  
30 Representative Roger Manuel as alternate to the Southwest Indian Agricultural  
31 Association Board of Directors.

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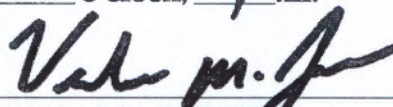
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☒ APPROVED

on the 15 day of September, 2025

☐ DISAPPROVED

at 3:11 o'clock, P.m.



VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN  
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_, 2025, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ .m.

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Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary



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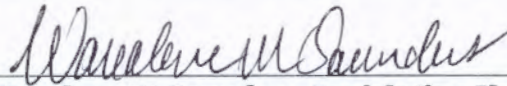
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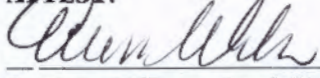
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that any appointments made pursuant to this resolution shall immediately expire if the appointed representatives no longer serve on the Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee for any reason.

The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 09<sup>TH</sup> day of SEPTEMBER 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 XVIII, Sections 1 and 2(d) 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

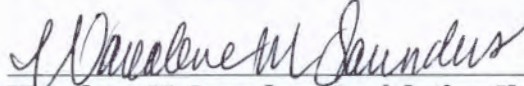
  
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman  
12 day of September, 2025

ATTEST:

  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary  
12 day of September, 2025

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 12 day of September, 2025 at 11:40 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, Legislative Chairwoman

**ACTION: APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVE DELMA M. GARCIA AS THE NATION'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SOUTHWEST INDIAN AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND REPRESENTATIVE ROGER MANUEL AS ALTERNATE**

**Moved: COUNCILMAN ROGER MANUEL**

**SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN JANET B. ELEANDO**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 09, 2025**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF ODAK 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			
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 ( <i>Absent</i> ) (Lorraine M. Eiler) ( <i>Present</i> ) 2. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews)	133.15 133.15	X X			
PISINEMO 240.3	1. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ ( <i>Absent</i> ) (Nora J. Ruelas) ( <i>Present</i> ) 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			X
GU VO 279.6	1. LESLIE LUNA ( ) 2. BENNETT CHEWING ( )	139.8 139.8	X X			X
GU ACHI 289.2	1. JEROME F. JOAQUIN (Gloria Johnson) 2. LUCIUS E. LOPEZ ( <i>Absent</i> ) (Victoria A. Hobbs) ( <i>Present</i> )	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 ( <i>Absent</i> ) (Leander Mase) ( <i>Present</i> )	199.45 199.45	X X			
TOTAL		3,321.1	3,321.1	-0-	-0-	[02]