

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Extending Timeframe for Detailed Chief Administrative Officer
Norma Antonio to Serve)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-029

1 **WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Nation's chairperson
2 with authority to appoint the Nation's treasurer, and other officers and heads of
3 all governmental departments with the approval of the Tohono O'odham
4 Legislative Council (Constitution, Article VII, Section 2(e)); and
5 **WHEREAS**, the Appointed Officers law, 1 T.O.C. Chapter 4, establishes the process for
6 legislative review of appointed officer appointments by the appropriate oversight
7 committee and the Legislative Council, and Section 4003(B) identifies the
8 documents and information required to review, including the current job
9 description and appointee's current resume, contact information, and written
10 background investigation report; and
11 **WHEREAS**, the Appointed Officers law provides that "no person shall perform the functions
12 of, or be compensated for performing the duties of, an appointed officer for more
13 than 180 consecutive or nonconsecutive days without approval of the
14 appointment by resolution. The chairperson and Council may agree to extend the
15 180-day period by resolution (1 T.O.C. Chapter 4, Section 4003(G)); and
16 **WHEREAS**, the Appointed Officers law also provides that when a Nation's chairperson is
17 elected or reelected and seated to a new term of office, all appointed officers are
18 subject to the appointment requirements of this chapter (1 T.O.C. Chapter 4,
19 Section 4004(B)); and
20 **WHEREAS**, the Nation's chairperson detailed Norma Antonio as the chief administrative
21 officer on August 6, 2025, and the 180-day deadline to serve without Legislative
22 Council approval is February 2, 2026; and
23 **WHEREAS**, the Nation's chairperson is requesting an extension of time for Norma Antonio to
24 serve as the Nation's chief administrative officer.

25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council extends the
26 time for Norma Antonio to serve as the chief administrative officer for an
27 additional 180 days.

28 The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 23RD
29 day of JANUARY 2026 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 2,814.9 FOR;
30 506.2 AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and -0- ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council
31 by Article VII, Sec. 2(e) the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono
32 O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary -
33 Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934
34 (48 Stat.984).
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Wavalene M. Saunders

Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

26 day of January, 2026

ATTEST:

Evonne Wilson

Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

23 day of January, 2026

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 26 day of January, 2026 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

Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

APPROVED

on the 26 day of January, 2026
at 12:24 o'clock, P .m.

DISAPPROVED

Verlon M. Jose

**VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION**

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 26 day of

January, 2026, at 1:31 o'clock, P .m.

Yvonne Wilson

Yvonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: EXTENDING TIMEFRAME FOR DETAILED CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER NORMA ANTONIO TO SERVE

MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN EVELYN JUAN MANUEL

SECOND: VICE CHAIRWOMAN MARLAKAY HENRY

DATE: JANUARY 23, 2026

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF OIDAK 251.2	1. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (<i>Absent</i>) (Mary Lopez) (<i>Present</i>) 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 (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			
GUACHI 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	2,814.9	506.2	-0-
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