

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Appointing José Luis Castillo to the Tohono O'odham Judicial Court)**

RESOLUTION NO. 26-069

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 I provides in part that "a candidate for Judicial
10 Court judge shall have at least four years of trial and other in-court litigation
11 experience as an attorney, advocate, or judge, and . . . a candidate who possesses
12 a juris doctorate shall be licensed to practice in any state, be a member in good
13 standing with a state bar association, and have at least four years of experience
14 as a practicing attorney, provided that at least two Judicial Court judges shall
15 satisfy the requirements of this subsection (C)(3)(a) and have at least four years of
16 experience prosecuting, defending, or presiding over criminal cases" (Section
17 1103(C)(3) and (C)(3)(a)); and
18 **WHEREAS,** 6 Tohono O'odham Code Chapter I further provides that "[t]rial court judges shall
19 serve six-year terms, provided that an appointment to fill a vacancy occurring
20 before the expiration of a term shall be made only for the remaining balance of
21 that term" (Section 1103(A)); and
22 **WHEREAS,** there is currently a vacancy on the Tohono O'odham Judicial Court; and
23 **WHEREAS,** candidate José Luis Castillo has applied for an appointment to the Judicial Court,
24 possesses a juris doctorate, is licensed to practice law in Arizona, is a member in
25 good standing with the State Bar of Arizona, and has at least four years of
26 experience as a practicing attorney, including at least four years of experience
27 prosecuting, defending, or presiding over criminal cases; and
28 **WHEREAS,** the Judiciary Committee, having legislative oversight of matters pertaining to the
29 Tohono O'odham Judicial Court, has reviewed José Luis Castillo's application and
30 background information, and has interviewed José Luis Castillo; and
31 **WHEREAS,** the Legislative Council has likewise interviewed candidate José Luis Castillo and
32 reviewed his application materials and background investigation report.
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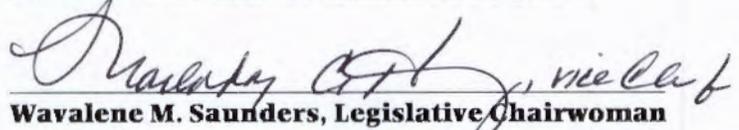
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1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council appoints José**
2 **Luis Castillo as a Tohono O'odham Judicial Court judge for a term beginning on**
3 **the effective date of this resolution and ending January 31, 2027, provided that he**
4 **shall continue to discharge the duties of the office until a successor is appointed**
5 **and sworn in if he satisfies the requirements of 6 Tohono O'odham Code Chapter**
6 **1, Section 1103 (C)(2) and (3).**

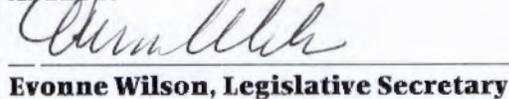
7 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 02ND**
8 **day of MARCH 2026 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 2,795.75 FOR;**
9 **525.35 AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council**
10 **by Article VIII, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the**
11 **Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant**
12 **Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June**
13 **18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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15 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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

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20 9TH day of March, 2026

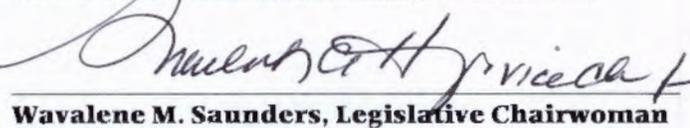
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24 **ATTEST:**

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27 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

28 9 day of March, 2026

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31 **Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono**
32 **O'odham Nation on the 9TH day of March, 2026 at 4:57 o'clock, p.m.,**
33 **pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become**
34 **effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48**
35 **hours of submittal.**

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37 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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

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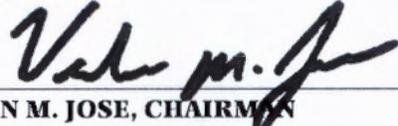
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on the 10 day of MARCH, 2026

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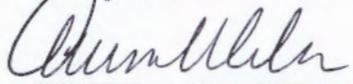
at 8 o'clock, A.m.



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

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 10 day of

March, 2026, at 8:44 o'clock, a.m.



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: APPOINTING JOSÉ LUIS CASTILLO TO THE TOHONO O'ODHAM JUDICIAL COURT**MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN JANICE FELIX****SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN GLORIA RAMIREZ****DATE: MARCH 02, 2026**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF OIDAK 251.2	1. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez)	125.6		X		
	2. FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA ()	125.6	X			
SELLS 565.7	1. JANET B. ELEANDO ()	282.85	X			
	2. EVELYN JUAN MANUEL (Juan Buendia)	282.85	X			
SCHUK TOAK 195.3	1. THEORIA CAMPILLO (Rebecca Ann Valentine)	97.65	X			
	2. DELISA M. RAMON (Quintin C. Lopez)	97.65	X			
SAN XAVIER 249.8	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III ()	124.9	X			
	2. JANICE FELIX ()	124.9	X			
SAN LUCY 266.3	1. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (Lorraine M. Eiler)	133.15	X			
	2. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews)	133.15	X			
PISINEMO 240.3	1. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Nora J. Ruelas)	120.15		X		
	2. NAOMI MONTE (Edward D. Manuel)	120.15	X			
HICKIWAN 222.9	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Loretta A. Ortega)	111.45	X			X
	2. DELMA M. GARCIA ()	111.45	X			
GU VO 279.6	1. LESLIE LUNA ()	139.8		X		
	2. BENNETT CHEWING ()	139.8		X		
GU ACHI 289.2	1. GLORIA JOHNSON ()	144.6	X			
	2. LUCIUS E. LOPEZ (Victoria A. Hobbs)	144.6	X			
CHUKUT KUK 361.9	1. MARLAKAY HENRY ()	180.95	X			
	2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone)	180.95	X			
BABOQUIVARI 398.9	1. JESSE NAVARRO ()	199.45	X			
	2. NED NORRIS, JR. (Leander Masc)	199.45	X			
TOTAL		3,321.1	2,795.75	525.35	-0-	[01]