

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
(Nominating Tohono O'odham Nation's Chairperson to Serve as National  
Congress of American Indians Border Task Force Co-Chair and Rep.  
Bennett Chewing to Serve as Alternate Co-Chair)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-086**

1 **WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council is vested with the power "to promote,  
2 protect and provide for public health, peace . . . and general welfare of the Tohono  
3 O'odham Nation and its members" and with the authority to consult with the  
4 Congress and federal agencies regarding federal activities that affect the Tohono  
5 O'odham Nation (Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, Article VI, Section  
6 1(c)(2) and Section 1(j)); and

7 **WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council is vested with the power "to consult . . .  
8 on behalf of the Tohono O'odham Nation with . . . other Indian tribes or their  
9 departments, agencies, or political subdivisions" on all matters within the  
10 authority of the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council (Constitution of the Tohono  
11 O'odham Nation, Article VI, Section 1(f)); and

12 **WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council delegated the Nation's Border Security  
13 Delegation with authority to consult, collaborate, and coordinate on the Nation's  
14 behalf with entities and officials on border security-related actions or proposed  
15 actions, rules, regulations, and laws that may affect the Nation (Resolution No. 25-  
16 067); and

17 **WHEREAS,** federal border security and immigration policies and other federal proposals  
18 and actions impact the Nation and other federally recognized Indian tribes  
19 divided by international borders, mandating timely and meaningful  
20 consultation, collaboration, and coordination between the Nation and other  
21 affected tribes; and

22 **WHEREAS,** the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Border Task Force is a  
23 specialized forum to address the unique challenges faced by federally recognized  
24 Indian tribes that are divided by international borders, including opposition to a  
25 border wall on tribal lands without tribal consent; and

26 **WHEREAS,** while in Washington, D.C. for the February 2026 NCAI Executive Council Winter  
27 Session, members of the Border Security Delegation were invited by members of  
28 the NCAI Border Task Force to nominate a member of the Nation's leadership for  
29 co-chair of the NCAI Border Task Force; and  
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1 **WHEREAS, the Border Security Delegation recommends nominating the Tohono O'odham**  
2 **Nation's chairperson to serve as NCAI Border Task Force co-chair and Rep.**  
3 **Bennett Chewing to serve as alternate co-chair in the Nation's chairperson's**  
4 **absence.**

5 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council nominates**  
6 **the Tohono O'odham Nation's chairperson to serve as National Congress of**  
7 **American Indians Border Task Force co-chair and Rep. Bennett Chewing to serve**  
8 **as alternate co-chair in the Nation's chairperson's absence; provided that Rep.**  
9 **Chewing's role as co-chair shall terminate if he no longer serves on the Domestic**  
10 **Affairs Committee.**

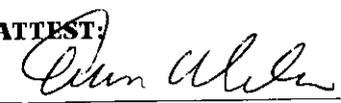
11 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 04<sup>TH</sup>**  
12 **day of MARCH 2026 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,098.2 FOR; -0-**  
13 **AGAINST; 222.9 [03] NOT VOTING; and [03] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council**  
14 **by Article VI, Section 1(c)(2), 1(j), and 1(f) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation,**  
15 **adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy**  
16 **Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the**  
17 **Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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19 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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

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24 11<sup>TH</sup> day of March, 2026

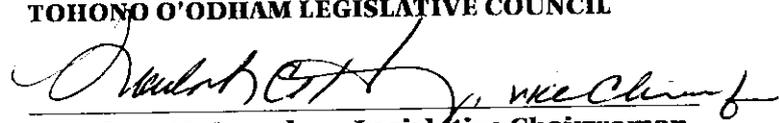
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28 **ATTEST:**

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31 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

32 10 day of March, 2026

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35 **Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono**  
36 **O'odham Nation on the 11<sup>TH</sup> day of March, 2026 at 11:29 o'clock, A .m.,**  
37 **pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become**  
38 **effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48**  
39 **hours of submittal.**

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41 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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

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APPROVED

on the 11 day of March, 2026

DISAPPROVED

at 4:45 o'clock, P.m.

Carl Johnson Vice Chairwoman on behalf of  
VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN  
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 11 day of

March, 2026, at 4:57 o'clock, P.m.

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**ACTION: NOMINATING TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION'S CHAIRPERSON TO SERVE AS NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS BORDER TASK FORCE CO-CHAIR AND REP. BENNETT CHEWING TO SERVE AS ALTERNATE CO-CHAIR**

**MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN EVELYN JUAN MANUEL**

**SECOND: COUNCILMAN FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA**

**DATE: MARCH 04, 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 ( <i>Absent</i> ) (Rebecca Ann Valentine) ( <i>Present</i> )	97.65	X			X
	2. DELISA M. RAMON (Quintin C. Lopez)	97.65	X			
SAN XAVIER 249.8	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III ( )	124.9	X			X
	2. JANICE FELIX ( )	124.9	X			
SAN LUCY 266.3	1. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (Lorraine M. Eiler)	133.15	X		X	
	2. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews)	133.15	X			
PISINEMO 240.3	1. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Nora J. Ruclas)	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	
	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 ( <i>Absent</i> ) (Victoria A. Hobbs) ( <i>Absent</i> )	144.6	X			
CHUKUT KUK 361.9	1. MARLAKAY HENRY ( )	180.95	X			
	2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS ( <i>Absent</i> ) (Cornelius Antone) ( <i>Absent</i> )	180.95	X			X
BABOQUIVARI 398.9	1. JESSE NAVARRO ( )	199.45	X			
	2. NED NORRIS, JR. (Leander Mase)	199.45	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,321.1</b>	<b>3,098.2</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>222.9</b> <b>[03]</b>	<b>[03]</b>