

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
(Appointing Representative DeLisa Ramon to the Miss Tohono O'odham  
Nation Committee as an Interim Member)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-119**

1 **WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Tohono O'odham**  
2 **Legislative Council with the power to "provide for, appoint, or provide for the**  
3 **appointment of, and prescribe the duties and powers of committees, boards,**  
4 **officers and agents" and "to preserve and cultivate native arts, crafts and**  
5 **traditions" (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(b) and Section 1(c)(8)); and**

6 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Nation has historically held a pageant to select young**  
7 **O'odham women to represent and serve the Nation as official ambassadors and**  
8 **in accordance with the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee Bylaws, the Miss**  
9 **Tohono O'odham Nation Committee has coordinated the Miss Tohono O'odham**  
10 **Nation pageant and acted as chaperones, among other duties and**  
11 **responsibilities provided for by the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee**  
12 **Bylaws, as amended by Resolution No. 11-421, Resolution No. 16-089, and**  
13 **Resolution No. 23-302; and**

14 **WHEREAS, the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee is comprised of "five enrolled**  
15 **female members of the Nation who are at least 25 years of age with a preference**  
16 **for O'odham speakers" who serve staggered, four year terms and who "shall**  
17 **remain in office until their successors have been appointed and may serve an**  
18 **unlimited number of terms" (Committee Bylaws, Sections 3102(B) and (D)); and**

19 **WHEREAS, by Resolution Nos. 24-171 and 24-387, the Legislative Council appointed four**  
20 **female Council alternates as interim Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee**  
21 **members and their terms expired on June 17, 2025; and**

22 **WHEREAS, the Human Resources Development Committee has advertised Miss Tohono**  
23 **O'odham Nation Committee vacancies for a number of years, but only one eligible**  
24 **applicant submitted her resume and letter of interest and was subsequently**  
25 **appointed by the Legislative Council in 2024; and**

26 **WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-219 and Resolution No. 25-220, the Tohono O'odham**  
27 **Legislative Council appointed Council alternate Loretta A. Ortega,**  
28 **Representative Janice Felix, Representative DeLisa Ramon, and Representative**  
29 **Naomi Monte to serve as interim members on the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation**  
30 **Committee; and**

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1 **WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-258, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council appointed**  
2 **Council alternate Christina C. Bell as interim member replacing interim member**  
3 **Representative DeLisa Ramon, and interim member Christina C. Bell has since**  
4 **resigned as an interim member on the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee;**  
5 **and**

6 **WHEREAS, the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee is currently comprised of one**  
7 **Council alternate member and two interim Human Resources Development**  
8 **Committee members; and**

9 **WHEREAS, the Human Resources Development Committee recommends that**  
10 **Representative DeLisa Ramon be appointed to serve as interim member on the**  
11 **Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee to help cover chaperone**  
12 **responsibilities until the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee has enough**  
13 **members to help support Miss Tohono O'odham Nation and titleholders with**  
14 **appearances.**

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, notwithstanding Section 3102(A) of the Miss Tohono**  
16 **O'odham Nation Committee Bylaws, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council**  
17 **appoints Representative DeLisa Ramon as interim member on the Miss Tohono**  
18 **O'odham Nation Committee, provided that:**

- 19 **(1) nothing in this resolution precludes the Legislative Council from**  
20 **appointing Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee members to replace**  
21 **interim Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee members;**
- 22 **(2) if an interim Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee member appointed**  
23 **by this resolution no longer serves on the Human Resources Development**  
24 **Committee for any reason, her appointment on the Miss Tohono O'odham**  
25 **Nation Committee shall expire immediately;**
- 26 **(3) interim Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee members shall not be**  
27 **eligible for per diem and mileage to attend a Miss Tohono O'odham Nation**  
28 **Committee meeting, but shall be eligible for travel per diem and/or**  
29 **mileage and travel expenses for attending Miss Tohono O'odham Nation**  
30 **functions as a chaperone in accordance with the Miss Tohono O'odham**  
31 **Nation Committee Bylaws; and**
- 32 **(4) interim Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee members from the**  
33 **Human Resources Development Committee will provide updates to the**

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1 **Legislative Council upon request regarding Miss Tohono O'odham Nation**  
2 **events and appearances.**

3 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 08<sup>TH</sup>**  
4 **day of APRIL 2026 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 2,959,2 FOR; -0-**  
5 **AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and 361,9 [05] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council**  
6 **by Article VI, Section 1(b) and Section 1(c)(8) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation,**  
7 **adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy**  
8 **Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the**  
9 **Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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11 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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

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17 15 day of April, 2026

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21 **ATTEST:**

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24 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

25 14 day of April, 2026

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28 **Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono**  
29 **O'odham Nation on the 16 day of April, 2026 at 9:50 o'clock, a .m.,**  
30 **pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become**  
31 **effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48**  
32 **hours of submittal.**

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34 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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**APPROVED**

on the 15 day of April, 2026

**DISAPPROVED**

at 8:55 o'clock, P.m.

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

**Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 16 day of**

April, 2026, at 8:39 o'clock, A.m.

  
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**Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

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**ACTION: APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVE DELISA RAMON TO THE MISS TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION COMMITTEE AS AN INTERIM MEMBER**

**Moved: COUNCILMAN BENNETT CHEWING**

**SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN GLORIA JOHNSON**

**DATE: APRIL 08, 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			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			X
	2. NED NORRIS, JR. (Leander Mase)	199.45	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,321.1</b>	<b>2,959.2</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>361.9</b> <b>[05]</b>