

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-120

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. 24-424, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council appointed
27 Jessica Juan as member, and member Jessica Juan has since resigned as an
28 member on the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee; and

29 **WHEREAS,** by Resolution No. 25-219 and Resolution No. 25-220, the Tohono O'odham
30 Legislative Council appointed Council alternate Loretta A. Ortega,
31 Representative Janice Felix, Representative DeLisa Ramon, and Representative

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1 Naomi Monte to serve as interim members on the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation
2 Committee; and

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

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

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

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

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

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1 (4) interim Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee members from the
2 Human Resources Development Committee will provide updates to the
3 Legislative Council upon request regarding Miss Tohono O'odham Nation
4 events and appearances.

5 The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 08TH
6 day of APRIL 2026 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 2,959.2 FOR; -0-
7 AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and 361.9 [04] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council
8 by Article VI, Section 1(b) and Section 1(c)(8) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation,
9 adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy
10 Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the
11 Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).

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17 Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

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19 15 day of April, 2026

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23 ATTEST:

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26 Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

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28 14 day of April, 2026

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30 Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono
31 O'odham Nation on the 15 day of April, 2026 at 9:55 o'clock, a .m.,
32 pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become
33 effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48
34 hours of submittal.

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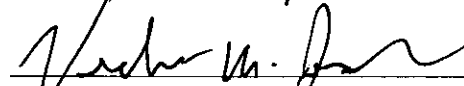
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APPROVED

on the 15 day of April, 2026

DISAPPROVED

at 8:56 o'clock, P. .m.



**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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ACTION: APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVE GLORIA JOHNSON TO THE MISS TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION COMMITTEE AS AN INTERIM MEMBER**Moved: COUNCILMAN BENNETT CHEWING****SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN DELISA M. RAMON****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. Eller)	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			
	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. MARIKAY 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			
TOTAL		3,321.1	2,959.2	-0-	-0-	361.9 [04]