

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Amending the List of Traditional O'odham Leaders of the O'odham in
Mexico Communities and Traditional Government)**

RESOLUTION NO. 26-134

1 **WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article XVI, Section 9 of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham
2 Nation,

3 It shall be the policy of the Tohono O'odham Nation to seek the return to
4 the Tohono O'odham Nation of lands and natural resources, including
5 minerals and water rights, within or adjacent to the Tohono O'odham
6 Nation, or which originally were a part of the historic Papagueria

7 ; and

8 **WHEREAS,** in 1995, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council adopted Resolution No. 95 562,
9 "Recognition of the O'odham in Mexico Communities and Traditional
10 Government" in order to address issues for the Tohono O'odham members who
11 reside on Tohono O'odham ancestral land in Mexico; and

12 **WHEREAS,** Resolution No. 95-562 recognized a list of Traditional O'odham Leaders in Mexico,
13 which was updated by Resolution No. 05-725, Resolution No. 13-444 (to add the
14 Pitiquito Community and Community representative and alternate), Resolution
15 No. 16-160 (to update the Traditional O'odham Leaders list to include Wo'osan/El
16 Bajio Community representative and alternate), Resolution No. 18-049,
17 Resolution No. 19-417, and Resolution No. 24-117; and

18 **WHEREAS,** the current Traditional O'odham Leaders in Mexico list includes representatives
19 who have either resigned, expired or no longer serve in their official capacities;
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21 **WHEREAS,** on January 20, 2026, in Son Oidak (Sonoyta), Sonora, Mexico, Doraly Velasco Leon
22 and Ana Antone (Ana Antone Babichi) were appointed by the Traditional O'odham
23 Leaders as Governor and Lieutenant Governor, along with other updated
24 Traditional O'odham Leaders representatives; and

25 **WHEREAS,** on January 20, 2026, at an official meeting in Son Oidak (Sonoyta), Sonora, Mexico,
26 the Traditional O'odham Leaders accepted and approved the appointments and
27 updates; and

28 **WHEREAS,** it is necessary to update the list of Traditional O'odham Leaders, including
29 recognition of a new governor and lieutenant governor of O'odham in Mexico.
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council amends and updates the list of Traditional O'odham Leaders approved by Resolution Nos. 95-562, 05-725, 13-444, 16-160, 18-049, 19-417, and 24-117 as follows:

Cedagi Wahia/Pozo Verde	Wo'oson/El Bajio
Jaynae M. Juan Manuel, Rep.	Matilde Sara Juan Angelo, Rep.
Ana Toro, Alt.	Bellina Nez, Alt.
Kom Wahia/Cumalito	Ku Wahia/Cubabic
Joaquin Estevan Reyna, Rep.	Regina Valenzuela, Rep.
	David Felix, Alt.
Cu:wi I-gersk/San Francisquito	Nepodagk/Represso Enrique
Ofelia Parra Garcia, Rep.	Cruz Parra, Rep.
Adelaide Parra, Alt.	Monica Parra, Alt.
Wa:pk/Carrizalito	Şon Oidak/Sonoyta
Nora Canez, Rep.	Gabriela Lizarraga Juarez, Rep.
Idolina Celaya, Alt.	Juan Salcido Uriarte, Alt.
Wa:k/Quito Vac	Nolik/Las Norias
Laura Lorenia Montijo Velasco, Rep.	Vacant, Rep.
Vacant, Alt.	Vacant, Alt.
S-cuk Su:dagi/Pozo Prieto	Totssagi/Rancho Espuma
Maria Luisa Varela Garcia, Rep.	Juliana Flores, Rep.
Ramona Guadalupe Varela Garcia, Alt.	Vacant, Alt.
Ka:wolk/Caborcal	Al Pi'ckin/Pitiquito
Rosa Elva Miranda Miranda, Rep.	Francisca Salas Rodriguez, Rep.
Ma. Dolores Badillo Araiza, Alt.	Maria del Carmen Salas Rodriguez, Alt.

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1 **Hodai Ke:k/Puerto Penasco** **Ge'e Pi'ckin/Hermosillo**
2 **Ana Maria Sosa Valenzuela, Rep.** **Miguel Dario Burgos Matrecito, Rep.**
3 **Lydia Zulema Sosa Valenzuela, Alt.** **Vacant, Alt.**
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5 **O'o Ke:k/Ocuca**
6 **Pastor Javier Figueroa Traslavina, Rep.**
7 **Daniel Oriol Figueroa Cervantes, Alt.**
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9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council recognizes Doraly
10 **Velasco Leon** as Governor of O'odham in Mexico and **Ana Antone (Ana Antone**
11 **Babichi)** as the Lieutenant Governor of O'odham in Mexico.

12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that these amendments
13 **and updates are effective upon the execution of this resolution.**

14 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that all matters affecting
15 **O'odham in Mexico will be presented to the Traditional O'odham Leaders who**
16 **have the responsibility for determining their issues and any and all matters will**
17 **be presented to the Tohono O'odham Nation Government through the governor**
18 **and/or the lieutenant governor in her absence.**

19 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 09TH**
20 **day of APRIL 2026 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,321.1 FOR; -0-**
21 **AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**
22 **Article XVI, Section 9 of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono**
23 **O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary -**
24 **Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934**
25 **(48 Stat.984).**

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27 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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

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33 16 day of April, 2026
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1 **ATTEST:**

2 *Evonne Wilson*
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4 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

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6 16 day of April, 2026

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8 **Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono**
9 **O'odham Nation on the 16 day of April, 2026 at 12:05 o'clock, 12 .m.,**
10 **pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become**
11 **effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48**
12 **hours of submittal.**

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15 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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17 *Wavalene M. Saunders*
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19 **Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman**

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24 **APPROVED**

on the 17 day of April, 2026

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26 **DISAPPROVED**

at 7 o'clock, A.m.

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29 *Verlon M. Jose*
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31 **VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN**
32 **TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION**

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35 **Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 17 day of**
36 **April, 2026, at 8:22 o'clock, A.m.**

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39 *Evonne Wilson*
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41 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

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ACTION: AMENDING THE LIST OF TRADITIONAL O'ODHAM LEADERS OF THE O'ODHAM IN MEXICO COMMUNITIES AND TRADITIONAL GOVERNMENT

MOVED: COUNCILMAN BENNETT CHEWING

SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS

DATE: APRIL 09, 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			
	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	3,321.1	-0-	-0-	[01]