

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Appointing Legislative Council Alternate Cornelius Antone as
Interim TERO Commissioner)**

RESOLUTION NO. 26-138

1 **WHEREAS,** the Legislative Council is vested with the authority to enact ordinances "to
2 promote, protect and provide for public health, peace, morals, education and
3 general welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its members" and the power
4 "to provide for, appoint, or provide for the appointment of, and prescribe the
5 duties and powers of committees, boards, officers and agents" (Constitution of
6 the Tohono O'odham Nation, Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and 1(b)); and

7 **WHEREAS,** in 1985 the Papago Council enacted the Papago Employment Rights Ordinance
8 ("TERO Ordinance"), which established the Papago Employment Rights
9 Commission, since renamed as the Tribal Employment Rights Commission (the
10 "TERO Commission") and vesting the Council with the power to select, appoint,
11 and remove TERO Commissioners by resolution (13 Tohono O'odham Code
12 Chapter 1, Tribal Employment Rights); and

13 **WHEREAS,** in 2012, the Nation suspended the TERO Commissioners by Resolution No. 12-384
14 "Suspending TERO Commissioners" and ultimately removed the TERO
15 Commissioners by Resolution No. 14-060 "Removing TERO Commissioners"; and

16 **WHEREAS,** in 2013, when the TERO Commissioners were suspended, but had not yet been
17 removed, interim TERO Commissioners were appointed to serve until successors
18 could be appointed so that the Commission could conduct business, ensure that
19 Indian preference was enforced, and provide necessary services for the Nation's
20 members (Resolution Nos. 13-093, 13-094, 13-095, 13-096); and

21 **WHEREAS,** beginning in 2016, when the previous interim TERO Commissioners resigned, the
22 Legislative Council appointed members of the Human Resources Development
23 Committee as interim Commissioners so that the TERO Commission could
24 continue to conduct business (Resolution No. 16-063, Resolution No. 16-412,
25 Resolution No. 19-241, Resolution No. 22-239); and

26 **WHEREAS,** by Resolution No. 23-124, the Legislative Council approved the appointment of
27 James Moreno to the TERO Commission replacing former Council Representative
28 Lucinda Allen; and

29 **WHEREAS,** by Resolution No. 25-118, the Legislative Council approved the appointment of
30 Ned Norris, Jr. to the TERO Commission, and Representative Ned Norris, Jr.
31 resigned as TERO Commissioner on November 14, 2025; and
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1 **WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 26-037, the Legislative Council appointed Representative**
2 **Francis Homewytewa and Representative Naomi Monte as interim TERO**
3 **Commissioners; and**

4 **WHEREAS, Representative Francis Homewytewa no longer serves on the Human Resources**
5 **Development Committee and his appointment as an interim TERO**
6 **Commissioner has expired; and**

7 **WHEREAS, on March 10, 2026, the Human Resources Development Committee invited**
8 **Legislative Council alternates to consider an interim appointment to the TERO**
9 **Commission; and**

10 **WHEREAS, the Human Resources Development Committee recommends that Legislative**
11 **Council Alternate Cornelius Antone be appointed to serve as interim TERO**
12 **Commissioner and to assist TERO Commissioner James Moreno and the other**
13 **interim TERO Commissioners with the duties and responsibilities of the TERO**
14 **Commission.**

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council appoints**
16 **Legislative Council Alternate Cornelius Antone as an interim TERO**
17 **Commissioner, provided that:**

- 18 (1) **nothing in this resolution precludes the Legislative Council from**
19 **appointing TERO Commissioners to replace interim TERO Commissioner**
20 **Cornelius Antone or any interim TERO Commissioners; and**
21 (2) **if interim TERO Commissioner Cornelius Antone no longer serves on the**
22 **Legislative Council as an alternate, his appointment to the TERO**
23 **Commission shall expire immediately.**

24 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 10TH**
25 **day of APRIL 2026 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,321.1 FOR; -0-**
26 **AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**
27 **Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and 1(b) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by**
28 **the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant**
29 **Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June**
30 **18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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32 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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

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37 16 day of April, 2026
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ATTEST:

Cornelius Antone

Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

14 day of April, 2026

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

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wavalene M. Saunders

Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

APPROVED

on the 17 day of April, 2026

DISAPPROVED

at 7 o'clock, A.m.

Verlon M. Jose

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

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 17 day of

April, 2026, at 8:22 o'clock, A.m.

Evonne Wilson

Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

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ACTION: APPOINTING LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ALTERNATE CORNELIUS ANTONE AS INTERIM TERO COMMISSIONER

Moved: COUNCILMAN BENNETT CHEWING

SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN JANICE FELIX

DATE: APRIL 10, 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 (<i>Absent</i>) (Christina Andrews) (<i>Present</i>)	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 Mase)	199.45	X			
TOTAL		3,321.1	3,321.1	-0-	-0-	[01]