

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Authorizing Tohono O'odham Nation Delegation to the National Congress of American
Indians 83rd Annual Convention and Marketplace)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-355

1 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council is vested with the power to consult with**
2 **the federal government and other Indian tribes on all matters within the**
3 **Council's authority (Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, Article VI,**
4 **Section 1(f)); and**

5 **WHEREAS, the National Congress of American Indians ("NCAI") will hold its 83rd Annual**
6 **Convention and Marketplace in Palm Springs, California from October 18-22,**
7 **2026; and**

8 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Nation has worked closely with the NCAI and with Native**
9 **American tribes across the United States for many years to address national**
10 **issues of importance to Indian Country; and**

11 **WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Tohono O'odham Nation to continue its national**
12 **level involvement in these issues by participating in the 83rd Annual Convention**
13 **and Marketplace in Palm Springs, California from October 18-22, 2026.**

14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that it**
15 **authorizes Tohono O'odham Nation Chairman Verlon Jose to serve as the**
16 **Nation's voting delegate and Tohono O'odham Legislative Council Chairwoman**
17 **Wavalene Saunders to serve as the Nation's alternate voting delegate in Palm**
18 **Springs, California from October 18-22, 2026 and at all other NCAI meetings and**
19 **sessions for the 2026-2027 term; provided that the voting delegate, alternate,**
20 **and any Legislative Council representatives attending the NCAI 83rd Annual**
21 **Convention and Marketplace and other NCAI meetings and sessions are**
22 **authorized to present and advocate for resolutions and positions previously**
23 **approved by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council.**

24 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 22ND**
25 **day of SEPTEMBER 2026 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,321.1 FOR;**
26 **~~-0-~~ AGAINST; ~~-0-~~ NOT VOTING; and [02] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**
27 **Article VI, Section 1(f) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the**
28 **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**
30 **June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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Wavalene M. Saunders
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

24 day of September, 2026

ATTEST:

Evonne Wilson
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

24 day of September, 2026

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 24 day of September, 2026 at 10:05 o'clock, a.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 24 day of September, 2026

☐ DISAPPROVED

at 2:01 o'clock, p.m.

Verlon M. Jose
VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 24 day of

September, 2026, at 2:01 o'clock, p.m.

Evonne Wilson
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: AUTHORIZING TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION DELEGATION TO THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS 83RD ANNUAL CONVENTION AND MARKETPLACE**MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN EVELYN JUAN MANUEL****SECOND: COUNCILMAN BENNETT CHEWING****DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 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 (Dionne Kuth-Le)	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 (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 (Rodney T. Aguilla)	144.6	X			
	2. LUCIUS E. LOPEZ (Victoria A. Hobbs)	144.6	X			
CHUKUT KUK 361.9	1. MARLAKAY HENRY ()	180.95	X			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	3,321.1	-0-	-0-	[02]