

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
(Affirming Nation's Arizona Indian Gaming Association Membership for 2024)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-143**

1 **WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council with**  
2 **the authority to "consult, negotiate and conclude agreements and contracts on**  
3 **behalf of the Tohono O'odham Nation with Federal, State and local governments**  
4 **and other Indian tribes or their departments, agencies, or political subdivisions,**  
5 **or with private persons or organizations on all matters within the authority of the**  
6 **Tohono O'odham Council." (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(f)); and**

7 **WHEREAS, the Nation and the State of Arizona have entered into a tribal-state gaming**  
8 **compact (the "Compact") for the conduct of Class III gaming on the Nation's**  
9 **Indian lands; and**

10 **WHEREAS, consistent with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq., the**  
11 **Compact recognizes "gaming by Indian tribes as a means of promoting tribal**  
12 **economic development, self-sufficiency, and strong tribal governments"**  
13 **(Compact, Declaration of Policy and Purpose); and**

14 **WHEREAS, the Arizona Indian Gaming Association ("AIGA") is an association of nine**  
15 **sovereign tribal governments in Arizona and is organized in part to "preserve and**  
16 **protect the integrity and exclusivity of tribal gaming" and to "maintain, protect,**  
17 **and advocate for Indian tribal sovereignty" (2017 AIGA Amended and Restated**  
18 **Bylaws, Article 1, Sections 1.3(F) and (G)); and**

19 **WHEREAS, the Nation's 2024 annual AIGA membership dues increased to \$50,000.00.**

20 **WHEREAS, it is in the Nation's interests to continue its membership in the AIGA at this time;**  
21 **provided that the Commerce Committee and Nation's chairperson evaluate and**  
22 **make a recommendation to the Legislative Council regarding the Nation's**  
23 **continuing membership at the end of 2024.**

24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council**

- 25 **(1) affirms the Nation's continued membership in AIGA in 2024; provided that**  
26 **the Nation will discontinue its membership in Arizonans for Tribal**  
27 **Government Gaming; and**
- 28 **(2) directs the Tohono O'odham Gaming Enterprise to pay the Nation's 2024**  
29 **AIGA dues.**
- 30 **(3) directs the Commerce Committee and Nation's chairperson to evaluate**  
31 **and make a recommendation to the Legislative Council regarding the**  
32 **Nation's continuing membership in AIGA at the end of 2024.**

The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 07<sup>TH</sup> day of MAY 2024 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 2,566.95 FOR; 696.35 AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [03] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 1(d) and 1(f) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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

13 day of May, 2024

ATTEST:

*Evonne Wilson*  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

13 day of May, 2024

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 13 day of May, 2024 at 4:46 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

[ ] DISAPPROVED

on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ .m.

Received Unsigned  
MAY 17 2024  
VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN  
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION  
Legislative Secretary's Office

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1 Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 17 day of  
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3 May, 2024, at 11:12 o'clock, a.m.  
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7 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**  
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## ACTION: AFFIRMING NATION'S ARIZONA INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FOR 2024

MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN EVELYN JUAN-MANUEL

SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN JANICE FELIX

DATE: MAY 07, 2024

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI 394.2	1. LEANDER MASE (Francine Schooling) 2. JESSE NAVARRO (Alberta J. Ray)	197.1 197.1	X	X		
CHUKUT KUK 354.7	1. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone) 2. MARLAKAY HENRY ( )	177.35 177.35	X X			
GUACHI 282.7	1. VICTORIA HOBBS (Tonya L. Joaquin) 2. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN (Jerome L. Joaquin)	141.35 141.35	X X			
GU VO 276.0	1. DALLAS LEWIS ( ) 2. LESLIE LUNA (Grace Manuel)	138.0 138.0	X X			
HICKIWAN 220.5	1. DELMA M. GARCIA ( ) 2. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Loretta A. Ortega)	110.25 110.25	X X			X
PISINEMO 236.2	1. EDWARD D. MANUEL (Monica Morgan) 2. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Nora J. Ruelas)	118.1 118.1	X	X		
SAN LUCY 257.6	1. ROGER MANUEL ( <i>Absent</i> ) (Christina Andrews) ( <i>Present</i> ) 2. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (Lorraine M. Eiler)	128.8 128.8		X X		X
SAN XAVIER 244.5	1. JANICE FELIX ( ) 2. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III ( )	122.25 122.25	X X			X
SCHUK TOAK 191.8	1. DELISA M. RAMON (Sharon A. Francisco) 2. THEORIA CAMPILLO (Rebecca Ann Valentine)	95.9 95.9	X X			
SELLS 558.0	1. EVELYN JUAN-MANUEL (Arvada Liston) 2. JANET B. ELEANDO ( )	279.0 279.0	X X			
SIF OIDAK 247.1	1. LUCINDA ALLEN (Francis Homewytewa) 2. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez)	123.55 123.55	X	X		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,263.30</b>	<b>2,566.95</b>	<b>696.35</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>[03]</b>