

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Renewing Memorandum of Understanding with U.S. Department of
Interior, National Park Service, Saguaro National Park)**

RESOLUTION NO. 24-215

1 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council is authorized to "conclude agreements**
2 **and contracts on behalf of the Tohono O'odham Nation with Federal, State and**
3 **Local governments" (Tohono O'odham Nation Constitution, Article VI, Sec. 1(f));**
4 **and**
5 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council shall "preserve and cultivate native arts,**
6 **crafts, and traditions" in accordance with established customs (Tohono O'odham**
7 **Nation Constitution, Article VI, Sec. 1(c)(2)); and**
8 **WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources, Cultural Affairs Program seeks to renew**
9 **the 2018 Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") between the Tohono O'odham**
10 **Nation and Saguaro National Park, approved by Legislative Council via**
11 **Resolution No. 18-213 in June 2018, that authorized a simplified Special Use**
12 **Permit for Members of the Nation to harvest saguaro fruit and cholla buds in**
13 **Saguaro National Park; and**
14 **WHEREAS, the proposed MOU will renew the expired agreement for five-years from the date**
15 **of signature and will modify the annual Special Use Permits provided by the**
16 **National Park Service to the Nation to allow for harvesting of prickly pear fruits**
17 **in addition to saguaro fruit and cholla buds in Saguaro National Park; and**
18 **WHEREAS, the Saguaro National Park is within the boundaries of historic Papagueria; and**
19 **WHEREAS, members of the Tohono O'odham Nation have gathered saguaro fruit and cholla**
20 **buds since time immemorial; and**
21 **WHEREAS, the sacred importance of saguaro to the Tohono O'odham is also detailed in**
22 **Resolution 21-137, adopted by Legislative Council in May 2021; and**
23 **WHEREAS, the Legislative Council first acknowledged the importance of prickly pear to the**
24 **O'odham in January 1939 via Resolution No. 56; and**
25 **WHEREAS, the Cultural Preservation and Agricultural and Natural Resources Committees**
26 **have reviewed the proposed renewed Memorandum of Understanding between**
27 **the Nation and Saguaro National Park and recommend its approval.**
28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the**
29 **renewed Memorandum of Understanding between the Tohono O'odham Nation**
30 **and Saguaro National Park.**
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1 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that the Tohono O'odham
2 Nation chairperson or any designated official is authorized to sign the
3 Memorandum of Understanding between the Tohono O'odham Nation and
4 Saguaro National Park and to implement and carry out the intent of this
5 Resolution, provided that any amendments or modifications to the renewed
6 Memorandum of Understanding shall be submitted for prior approval by the
7 Tohono O'odham Legislative Council.

8 The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 11TH
9 day of JULY 2024 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,263,3 FOR; -0-
10 AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by
11 Article VI, Section 1(c)(2), (1)(f) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by
12 the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant
13 Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June
14 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).

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16 TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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18 Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

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20 18 day of July, 2024

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25 ATTEST:

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27 Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

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29 18 day of July, 2024

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31 Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono
32 O'odham Nation on the 18 day of July, 2024 at 9:44 o'clock, a.m.,
33 pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become
34 effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48
35 hours of submittal.

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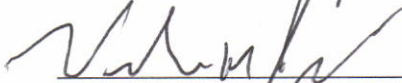
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APPROVED

on the 19 day of July, 2024

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at 1:02 o'clock, P. .m.



VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 19 day of

July, 2024, at 3:45 o'clock, P. .m.

Deanna Jones for:

Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: RENEWING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK

MOVED: COUNCILMAN JEROME JOAQUIN

SECOND: VICE CHAIRWOMAN MARLAKAY HENRY

DATE: JULY 11, 2024

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI 394.2	1. LEANDER MASE (<i>Absent</i>) (Francine Schooling) (<i>Present</i>) 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. JEROME F. JOAQUIN ()	141.35 141.35	X X			
GU VO 276.0	1. DALLAS LEWIS () 2. LESLIE LUNA ()	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			
PISINEMO 236.2	1. EDWARD D. MANUEL (Monica Morgan) 2. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (<i>Absent</i>) (Nora J. Ruelas) (<i>Present</i>)	118.1 118.1	X X			X
SAN LUCY 257.6	1. ROGER MANUEL (<i>Absent</i>) (Christina Andrews) (<i>Present</i>) 2. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (<i>Absent</i>) (Lorraine M. Eller) (<i>Present</i>)	128.8 128.8	X X			
SAN XAVIER 244.5	1. JANICE FELIX () 2. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III ()	122.25 122.25	X X			
SCHUK TOAK 191.8	1. DELISA M. RAMON (<i>Absent</i>) (Sharon A. Francisco) (<i>Present</i>) 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			
TOTAL		3,263.30	3,263.3	-0-	-0-	[01]