

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
(Supporting Department of the Interior Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-073**

1 **WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council with**  
2 **the power "to promote, protect and provide for public health, peace, morals,**  
3 **education and general welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its members"**  
4 **(Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(c)(2)); and**

5 **WHEREAS, the Legislative Council is further vested with the power to "consult with the**  
6 **Congress of the United States and appropriate federal agencies regarding federal**  
7 **activities that affect the Tohono O'odham Nation" (Constitution, Article VI,**  
8 **Section 1(j); and**

9 **WHEREAS, on June 22, 2021, Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland announced and outlined**  
10 **a plan for the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative ("Initiative"), which will**  
11 **serve as an investigation by the Department of the Interior ("DOI") about the loss**  
12 **of human life and the lasting consequences of residential Indian boarding**  
13 **schools (June 22, 2021 Secretary of the Interior Memorandum, hereafter, "June**  
14 **22, 2021 Memorandum"); and**

15 **WHEREAS, "[b]eginning with the Indian Civilization Act of 1819 and running through the**  
16 **1960s, the United States enacted laws and implemented policies establishing and**  
17 **supporting Indian boarding schools across the Nation. During that time, the**  
18 **purpose of Indian boarding schools was to culturally assimilate Indigenous**  
19 **children by forcibly relocating them from their families and communities to**  
20 **distant residential facilities where their American Indian, Alaska Native, and**  
21 **Native Hawaiian identities, languages, and beliefs were to be forcibly**  
22 **suppressed." (June 22, 2021 Memorandum); and**

23 **WHEREAS, "[t]he assimilationist policies of the past are contrary to the doctrine of trust**  
24 **responsibility, under which the Federal Government must promote Tribal self-**  
25 **governance and cultural integrity" and the "Department of the Interior must**  
26 **address the intergenerational impact of Indian boarding schools to shed light on**  
27 **the traumas of the past." (June 22, 2021 Memorandum); and**

28 **WHEREAS, the primary goal of the DOI Initiative will be to identify boarding school facilities**  
29 **and sites, locations of known and possible student burial sites located at or near**  
30 **school facilities, and the identities and tribal affiliations of students interred at**  
31 **such locations; and**  
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1 **WHEREAS, the Initiative work includes identification and collection of records and**  
2 **information related to the Department's oversight and implementation of the**  
3 **Indian boarding school program from 1819 to 1969; formal consultations with**  
4 **tribal nations, Alaska Native corporations, and Native Hawaiian organizations to**  
5 **clarify the processes and procedures for protecting identified burial sites and**  
6 **associated information; and the submission of a final written report on the**  
7 **investigation to the Secretary by April 1, 2022; and**

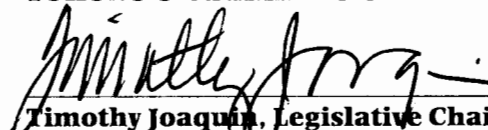
8 **WHEREAS, in the best interests of Nation's members who have been impacted by the federal**  
9 **Indian boarding school system, the Human Resources Development and**  
10 **Appropriations Committees recommend support of the DOI Federal Indian**  
11 **Boarding School Initiative.**


12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that it supports**  
13 **the Department of the Interior Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative.**

14 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council authorizes the Nation's**  
15 **chairperson or designated official to communicate and provide this resolution to**  
16 **appropriate elected and appointed officials.**

17 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
18 **day of FEBRUARY, 2022 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,218.0 FOR;**  
19 **-0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by,**  
20 **Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(j) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation,**  
21 **adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy**  
22 **Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the**  
23 **Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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25 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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29 **Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman**  
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31 22 day of February, 2022  
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34 **ATTEST:**  
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37 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**  
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39 22 day of February, 2022  
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1 Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono  
2 O'odham Nation on the 22 day of February, 2022 at 4:39 o'clock, P.m.,  
3 pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become  
4 effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48  
5 hours of submittal.  
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7 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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11 **Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman**  
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on the 23 day of Febury, 2022


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at 3:15 o'clock, P.m.

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22 **NED NORRIS, JR., CHAIRMAN**  
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28 **Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 23 day of**

29 Febury, 2022, at 3:42 o'clock, P.m.

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34 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**  
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ACTION: SUPPORTING DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR FEDERAL INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOL INITIATIVE

MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN JANICE FELIX

SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN DELISA RAMON

DATE: FEBRUARY 17, 2022

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF OIDAK 245.6	1. MARY LOPEZ (Ann M. Garcia)	122.8	X			
	2. LUCINDA ALLEN (Francis Homewytewa)	122.8	X			
SELLS 556.5	1. ARTHUR WILSON ( )	278.25	X			
	2. EVELYN JUAN-MANUEL (Arvada Liston)	278.25	X			
SCHUK TOAK 190.5	1. TERESA F. DONAHUE (Alberta Espinoza)	95.25	X			
	2. DELISA M. RAMON (Sharon A. Francisco)	95.25	X			
SAN XAVIER 242.6	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III (Racheal Vilson-Stoner)	121.3	X			
	2. JANICE FELIX (Adam P. Andrews)	121.3	X			
SAN LUCY 243.8	1. JANA MONTANA ( <i>Absent</i> ) (Lorraine M. Eiler) ( <i>Present</i> )	121.9	X			
	2. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews)	121.9	X			
PISINEMO 232.7	1. MARIETTA MARTIN ( )	116.35	X			
	2. EDWARD D. MANUEL (Monica Morgan)	116.35	X			
HICKIWAN 216.6	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ ( )	108.3	X			X
	2. SANDRA D. ORTEGA (Delma M. Garcia)	108.3	X			
GU VO 270.7	1. GRACE MANUEL ( )	135.35	X			
	2. CYNTHIA SAAVEDRA (Dallas Lewis)	135.35	X			
GU ACHI 278.5	1. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN ( )	139.25	X			
	2. VICTORIA HOBBS (Tonya L. Joaquin)	139.25	X			
CHUKUT KUK 351.6	1. MARLAKAY HENRY (Billman Lopez)	175.8	X			
	2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone)	175.8	X			
BABOQUIVARI 388.9	1. ALBERTA J. RAY (Frances G. Antone)	194.45	X			
	2. LEANDER MASE (Francine Schooling)	194.45	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,218.0</b>	<b>3,218.0</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>[01]</b>