

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Approving the Appointment of Jennie F. Becenti as Executive Director of the Department of Health and Human Services)

DEFEATED
RESOLUTION NO. 24-219

1 **WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Nation's chairperson**
2 **with authority to appoint the Nation's treasurer, and other officers and heads of**
3 **all governmental departments, subject to the approval of the Tohono O'odham**
4 **Legislative Council (Constitution, Article VII, Section 2(e)); and**

5 **WHEREAS, Nation's Chairman Verlon M. Jose has appointed Jennie F. Becenti as the**
6 **executive director of the Department of Health and Human Services, subject to**
7 **the approval of the Legislative Council; and**

8 **WHEREAS, the Appointed Officers law, 1 T.O.C. Chapter 4, establishes the process for review**
9 **of appointments by the appropriate oversight committee and the Council and the**
10 **documents required, including copies of the current job description, the**
11 **appointee's current resume, contact information, and current written**
12 **background investigation report; and**

13 **WHEREAS, pursuant to Article III, Section 6(B) of the Legislative Rules of the Tohono**
14 **O'odham Legislative Council, the chairperson's "appointee to the position of**
15 **treasurer or other officers or heads of governmental departments shall not be**
16 **added to any Legislative Council session agenda for approval unless the**
17 **appropriate legislative committee interviews the appointee after receiving a**
18 **resume and written background investigation report" containing detailed**
19 **employment, education, credit, litigation, and other information necessary to**
20 **determine the appointee's qualifications and fitness; and**

21 **WHEREAS, the Health and Human Services Committee has received and reviewed the**
22 **detailed written background report and other documents required by the**
23 **Legislative Rules, I T.O.C. Chapter 4, interviewed the appointee, and recommends**
24 **that the Legislative Council approve the appointment.**

25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the**
26 **appointment of Jennie F. Becenti as executive director of the Department of**
27 **Health and Human Services; provided that Jennie F. Becenti shall serve until**
28 **replaced at the request of the Nation's chairperson.**

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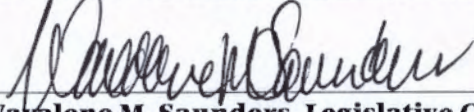
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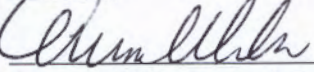
1 **The foregoing Resolution was defeated by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 30TH**
2 **day of JULY, 2024 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 1,261.2 FOR; 2,002.1**
3 **AGAINST; [01] NOT VOTING and [04] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**
4 **Article VII, Section 2(e) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the**
5 **Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant**
6 **Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June**
7 **18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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9 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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

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22 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

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ACTION: APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF JENNIE F. BECENTI AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Moved: COUNCILMAN DALLAS LEWIS

Second: COUNCILMAN DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III

DATE: JULY 30, 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 (<i>Absent</i>) (Cornelius Antone) (<i>Present</i>) 2. MARLAKAY HENRY ()	177.35 177.35		X 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 (Grace Manuel)	138.0 138.0	X 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. Ruclas)	118.1 118.1	X X			
SAN LUCY 257.6	1. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews) 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		
SCHUK TOAK 191.8	1. DELISA M. RAMON (Sharon A. Francisco) 2. THEORIA CAMPILLO (<i>Absent</i>) (Rebecca Ann Valentine) (<i>Present</i>)	95.9 95.9		X 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	1,261.2	2,002.1	[01]	[04]