RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Supporting SAMHSA's Draft National Tribal Behavioral Health Agenda and
Continued Consultation with Tribal Leaders)

RESOLUTION NO. 15-407

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council
with the authority to "promote, protect and provide for public health, peace,
morals, education, and general welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its
members" and to "consult with the Congress of the United States and
appropriate federal agencies regarding federal activities that affect the Tohono
O'odham Nation..." (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(j)); and
WHEREAS, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration ("SAMHSA"), a
federal agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, leads
public health efforts to reduce the impacts of substance abuse and mental
illness on America's communities, including tribal nations; and
WHEREAS, SAMHSA, in collaboration with the Indian Health Service and in consultation
with tribal leaders, has drafted a National Tribal Behavioral Health Agenda to
identify behavioral health priorities, foundational causes for many behavioral
health issues, and includes possible key actions that also leverage investments; and
WHEREAS, the draft National Tribal Behavioral Health Agenda seeks to provide "a clear,
national statement about the extent of behavioral health-related problems and
their impact on the well-being of tribal communities"; and
WHEREAS, although SAMHSA hasn't yet finalized the document, the Health and Human
Services Committee recommends supporting the draft National Tribal
Behavioral Health Agenda, which addresses tribal behavioral health issues in a
comprehensive manner and includes feedback from tribal leaders, Indian
Health Service, and other affected federal agencies or departments; and
WHEREAS, the Health and Human Services Committee also recommends continued
consultation with tribal leaders to develop and finalize the National Tribal
Behavioral Health Agenda.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that it
supports SAMHSA's draft National Tribal Behavioral Health Agenda and urges
continued meaningful tribal consultation.
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The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O’odham Legislative Council on the 15th day of OCTOBER, 2015 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,021.4 FOR; 0 AGAINST; 0 NOT VOTING; and 05 ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(j) 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

Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman

25 day of October, 2015

ATTEST:

Evronne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

19 day of October, 2015

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O’odham Nation on the 25th day of October, 2015 at 11:50 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

Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman

✓ APPROVED on the 21 day of October, 2015

[ ] DISAPPROVED

at 2:13 o’clock, a.m.

EDWARD D. MANUEL, CHAIRMAN

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Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the __21__ day of
__________, 2015, at __3:00__ o'clock, __P__ m.

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Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary
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ACTION: SUPPORTING SAMHSA’S DRAFT NATIONAL TRIBAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AGENDA AND CONTINUED CONSULTATION WITH TRIBAL LEADERS

MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN SANDRA ORTEGA
SECOND: COUNCILMAN ANTHONY FRANCISCO, JR.

DATE: OCTOBER 15, 2015

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