

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Authorizing the Appropriations Committee to Lobby the Interests of the Nation in Land
Released by the U.S. Air Force to the U.S. Department of Interior)

RESOLUTION NO. 01-087

1 **WHEREAS, Public Law 106-65, "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000," was**
2 **signed into law by President Clinton on October 5, 1999, and Section 3031 (a)(7) of the**
3 **Act requires a study of four parcels of land, "*unnecessary for military purposes*"; and**

4 **WHEREAS, the study was intended to determine "*the appropriate method to manage and protect***
5 ***the lands following relinquishment*" of lands within the Barry M. Goldwater Range,**
6 **known as Area A, by the Air Force, and identified as the Sand Tank Mountains (Area**
7 **1 - 83,554 acres), the Sentinel Plain (Area 9 - 24,756 acres), lands surrounding the Ajo**
8 **Airport (Area 13 - 2,779 acres), and an area surrounding Interstate 8 (Stairstep area -**
9 **1,090 acres), which together total 111,089 acres; and**

10 **WHEREAS, the Nation submitted "A Statement of Natural and Cultural Resources Management**
11 **Capability" prepared by the Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology, of the**
12 **University of Arizona to the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management,**
13 **which in turn included the Nation's Statement in its "Report to Congress: Barry M.**
14 **Goldwater Range Non-Renewed Parcels Study," which was used by Secretary Babbitt**
15 **to recommend the Sentinel Plain and Sand Tank Mountain parcels for inclusion in**
16 **the designation of a national monument; and**

17 **WHEREAS, on January 17, President Clinton designated the Sonoran Desert National Monument**
18 **which included the Sand Tank Mountains and Sentinel Plain; and**

19 **WHEREAS, by operation of law, the withdrawal of Area A lands will be relinquished on November**
20 **6, 2001, at which time the Secretary of the Interior will assume management of Area**
21 **A through the BLM, "subject to valid existing rights, by the BLM for the overriding**
22 **purpose of protecting the scientific and historic objects for which the monument has**
23 **been created;" and**

24 **WHEREAS, the four parcels designated for withdrawal are within the historic Papagueria, the**
25 **aboriginal homeland of the Tohono O'odham, and were "taken" from the O'odham**
26 **by the United States government when the reservation was created, and although the**
27 **Tohono O'odham Nation sought and was awarded compensation for this "taking" by**
28 **the Indian Claims Commission in the amount of about \$4.00 per acre, the Nation**
29 **retains strong cultural attachment to these lands.**

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1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Nation seeks to restore these lands to the Nation's
2 **ownership in order to satisfy the O'odham desire to have full access to the cultural**
3 **sites and sacred places on these lands.**
4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Appropriations Committee is hereby authorized to lobby for
5 **the Nation's interests in the four parcels by seeking a co-management role for the**
6 **Nation of the Sonoran Desert National Monument, and ownership of the Ajo Airport**
7 **and Interstate 8 stair-step parcels.**
8 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Appropriations Committee is hereby authorized and directed
9 **to bring this request to the appropriate Agencies, Members and Committees of**
10 **Congress.**

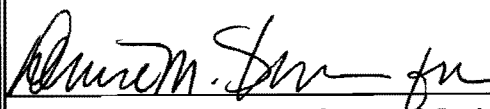
11 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 28TH. Day**
12 **of February, 2001 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 1,999.6 FOR; -0-**
13 **AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and 165.9 [04] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**
14 **Section 1(j) of Article VI of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono**
15 **O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary -**
16 **Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48**
17 **Stat. 984).**

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19 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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23 **Dennis Ramon, Legislative Chairman**

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25 1st day of MARCH, 20 01

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28 **ATTEST:**

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32 **Julianna Saraficio, Acting Legislative Secretary**

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34 28th day of February, 20 01.

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36 **Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'Odham**
37 **Nation on the 1st day of March, 20 01 at 2:09 o'clock, P.M.,**
38 **pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective**
39 **upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of**
40 **submittal.**


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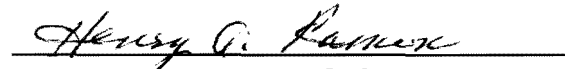

Dennis Ramon, Legislative Chairman

APPROVED

on the 1 day of March, 20 01


DISAPPROVED

at 3:30 o'clock, P.M.


EDWARD D. MANUEL, Chairman
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 1st day of

March, 20 01, at 3:44 o'clock, P.M.


Julianna Saraficio, Acting Legislative Secretary

ACTION: AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE TO LOBBY THE INTERESTS OF THE NATION IN LAND RELEASED BY THE U.S. AIR FORCE TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

MOVED: COUNCILMAN KENNETH WILLIAMS

SECOND: COUNCILMAN ALBERT MANUEL JR.

DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 2001

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF Oidak 171.8	1. MARY ANN ANTONE (Darlene Andrew)	85.9	X			
	2. RITA MARTINEZ (Nicholas Jose)	85.9	X			
SELLS 372.7	1. DENNIS E. JOSE ()	186.35	X			
	2. EVELYN JUAN ()	186.35	X			
SCHUK TOAK 133.4	1. MARY FLORES ()	66.7	X			X
	2. AMBROSE ENCINAS ()	66.7	X			
SAN XAVIER 165.9	1. TONY BURRELL ()	82.95				X
	2. DENNIS RAMON ()	82.95				X
BABOQUIVARI 286.5	1. FRANCES MIGUEL ()	143.25	X			
	2. FRANCES G. ANTONE (Edward N. Kisto)	143.25	X			
GU ACHI 209.6	1. CAMILLUS LOPEZ (Louis Johnson)	104.8	X			
	2. ALEX J. RAMON ()	104.8	X			
PISINEMO 156.8	1. BARBARA SALVICIO (Alex Antone)	78.4	X			
	2. JOHNSON JOSE ()	78.4	X			X
SAN LUCY 128.1	1. ALBERT MANUEL, JR. ()	64.05	X			
	2. GLORIA RAMIREZ ()	64.05	X			
GU VO 160.0	1. FERN SALCIDO ()	80.0	X			
	2. GLORIA MONTANA (Phillip Antone)	80.0	X			
HICKIWAN 158.1	1. SHIRLEY MOLINA ()	79.05	X			
	2. LLOYD FRANCISCO (Susan Sam)	79.05	X			
CHUKUT KUK 222.6	1. KENNETH WILLIAMS ()	111.3	X			
	2. DAVID GARCIA (Mary Audrey Juan)	111.3	X			
TOTAL		2,165.5	1999.6	-0-	-0-	165.9 [04]

****PASSED VOTES**