RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (Supporting Elevation of Indian Health Service Director to Department of Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary)

RESOLUTION NO. 01-391

1	WHEREAS, the Indian Health Service is administratively located within the United States
2	Department of Health and Human Services; and
3	WHEREAS, more than twenty-five percent of all Department of Health and Human Services
4	("HHS") employees are Indian Health Service employees; and
5	WHEREAS, the Director of the Indian Health Service is the top administrative official charged with
6	carrying out the federal responsibility for Indian health, but does not report directly
7	to the HHS Secretary; and
8	WHEREAS, elevating the Indian Health Service Director's position to that of an Assistant Secretary
9	would not only increase the level of Indian health advocacy within the HHS, but would
10	also promote consultation in a manner consistent with the government-to-
11	government relationship between Indian tribes and the United States; and
12	WHEREAS, United States Senator John McCain has recognized the need for a higher level Indian
13	health advocate within the HHS and has therefore sponsored Senate Bill S. 214 which
14	provides for the elevation of the Indian Health Service Director's position to Assistant
15	Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services; and
16	WHEREAS, United States Representative George R. Nethercutt, Jr. has likewise sponsored H.R.
17	293, which also provides for the Indian Health Service Director's elevation to an
18	Assistant Secretary position.
19	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council does hereby
20	support passage of H.R. 293 and S. 214 in order to elevate the Director of Indian Health
21	and Human Services to an Assistant Secretary of the Department of Health and Human
22	Services.
23	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Appropriations Committee is hereby authorized and directed
24	to bring this request to the appropriate agencies, members, and committees of
25	Congress.
26 27 28 29	The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the <u>11TH</u> . Day of <u>IULY, 2001</u> at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of <u>2,417.5</u> FOR; <u>-0</u> -AGAINST; <u>-0-NOT VOTING</u> ; and <u>[02]</u> ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Section 1 (c)(2) <u>& (i)</u> of Article VI of the Constitution of the Tohono O'Odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono
30 31	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

32 Stat. 984).

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Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the <u>1972</u> day of

<u>Suly</u>, 20<u>01</u>, at <u>11:42</u> o'clock, <u>A</u>.M. Alme M. Sm fn

Julianna Saraficio, Acting Legislative Secretary

ACTION: SUPPORTING ELEVATION OF INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE DIRECTOR TO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ASSISTANT SECRETARY

MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN FRANCES MIGUEL

SECOND: COUNCILMAN AMBROSE ENCINAS

DATE: JULY 11, 2001

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
CHUKUT KUK 248.1	1. KENNETH WILLIAMS (Juanita Homer)	124.05	X			X
	2. DAVID GARCIA (Mary Audrey Juan)	124.05	X			
HICKIWAN 167.3	1. SHIRLEY MOLINA	83.65	х			
107.5	2. SANDRA ORTEGA	83.65	X			
GU VO	1. FERN SALCIDO	94.15	x			
188.3	2. EMILIO LEWIS (Michael Flores)	94,15	x			
SAN LUCY	1. ALBERT MANUEL, JR. (John W. Lawson, Sr.)	80.35	x			
160.7	2. GLORIA RAMIREZ	80.35	X			x
PISINEMO	1. BARBARA SALVICIO (Alex Antone)	87.35	х			
174.7	2. PATRICIA CRUZ (Johnson Jose)	87.35	x			
GU ACHI	1. CAMILLUS LOPEZ	115.35	х			
230.7	2. ALEX J. RAMON (Jerome Joaquin)	115.35	X			
BABOQUIVARI	1. FRANCES MIGUEL	158.85	x			
317.7	2. FRANCES G. ANTONE (Lucilda Norris-Valenzuela)	158.85	X			
SAN XAVIER	1. TONY BURRELL	92.35	х			
184.7	2. DENNIS RAMON	92.35	x			
SCHUK TOAK	1. MARY FLORES	72.25	х			
144.5	2. AMBROSE ENCINAS (Frances B. Conde(Francisco))	72.25	x			
SELLS	1. DENNIS E. JOSE	208.05	х			
416.1	2. EVELYN JÚAN	208.05	x			
SIF OIDAK	1. ISIDRO LOPEZ	92.35	X			
184.7	2. RITA A. MARTINEZ (Nicholas Jose)	92.35	x			
Т	OTAL	2,417.5	2,417.5	-0-	-0-	[02]

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