

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Supporting Permanent Extension of the Native American Veterans Home Loan Program)

RESOLUTION NO. 01-564

1 **WHEREAS, Tohono O'odham and other Native American veterans have served the United States**
2 **with honor and distinction even before Native Americans were recognized as citizens**
3 **of the United States; and**

4 **WHEREAS, Indian people have the highest percentage of veterans of any population within the**
5 **United States and carry the proud distinction of being the most decorated group in**
6 **United States history; and**

7 **WHEREAS, according to the Veterans Administration, over 160,000 American Indians have**
8 **served in the United States Armed Forces; and**

9 **WHEREAS, despite this long history of service, Native American veterans continue to have**
10 **substantial unmet housing needs, especially for housing on trust lands; and**

11 **WHEREAS, in 1993, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs implemented the Native**
12 **American Veterans Housing Loan Pilot Program ("Program") (38 U.S.C. § 3761 et seq.)**
13 **to provide direct loans to veterans to purchase, construct, or improve dwellings on**
14 **trust land; and**

15 **WHEREAS, in contradiction to the moral and trust obligation the United States has to Native**
16 **American veterans, proposals have been made to allow private lending institutions,**
17 **rather than the Department of Veterans Affairs, to administer the Program; and**

18 **WHEREAS, the Native American Veterans Housing Loan Pilot Program is scheduled to expire on**
19 **December 31, 2001; and**

20 **WHEREAS, the National Congress of American Indians, of which the Tohono O'odham Nation is**
21 **a member tribe, has previously supported the establishment of the Native American**
22 **Veterans Housing Loan Pilot Program as a permanent program to be administered**
23 **by the Department of Veterans Affairs (NCAI Resolution # PSC-99-115); and**

24 **WHEREAS, bills now pending in the United States Congress, including H.R. 1929 and S. 228 would**
25 **improve, extend, or make permanent the Native American Veterans Housing Loan**
26 **Pilot Program.**

27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Council of the Tohono O'odham Nation**
28 **hereby supports the permanent extension of the Native American Veterans Housing**
29 **Loan Pilot Program ("Program").**

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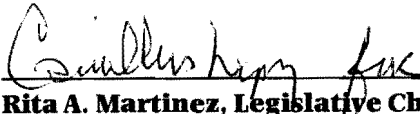
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1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Legislative Council urges the United States Congress, with the
2 Department of Veterans Affairs' active support, to (1) make the Program permanent,
3 (2) make loan amounts equitable with the local standard of housing depending upon
4 geographic location and economic standards, and (3) keep the Program within the
5 Department of Veterans Affairs.

6 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** by the Legislative Council that it hereby authorizes and directs its
7 delegation to the 58th Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians
8 to advocate for the Nation's position on the Native American Veterans Housing Loan
9 Pilot Program.


10 The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 08TH Day
11 of NOVEMBER, 2001 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 2,256.8 FOR; -0-
12 AGAINST; 160.7 NOT VOTING; and [06] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by
13 Section 1 (f) and (j) of Article VI of the Constitution of the Tohono O'Odham Nation, adopted by the
14 Tohono O'Odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant
15 Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June
16 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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18 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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22 **Rita A. Martinez, Legislative Chairwoman**

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24 8th day of November, 20 01

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26 **ATTEST:**

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30 **Julianna Saraficio, Acting Legislative Secretary**

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32 08 day of November, 20 01.

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35 Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'Odham
36 Nation on the 8th day of November, 20 01 at 3:37 o'clock, P.M.,
37 pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective
38 upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of
39 submittal.

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TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Resubmitted by for

Rita A. Martinez, Legislative Chairwoman

APPROVED

on the 9th day of November, 20 01

DISAPPROVED

at 1:25 o'clock, P..M.

Edward D. Manuel

EDWARD D. MANUEL, Chairman
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 09 day of

November, 20 01, at 1:10 o'clock, P..M.

Juliana Saraficio

Juliana Saraficio, Acting Legislative Secretary

ACTION: SUPPORTING PERMANENT EXTENSION OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS HOME LOAN PROGRAM

MOVED: COUNCILMAN DENNIS JOSE

SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN FRANCES MIGUEL

DATE: NOVEMBER 08, 2001

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI 317.7	1. FRANCES MIGUEL ()	158.85	X			
	2. FRANCES G. ANTONE (Lucilda Norris-Valenzuela)	158.85	X			
CHUKUT KUK 248.1	1. KENNETH WILLIAMS (Juanita Homer)	124.05	X			
	2. DAVID GARCIA (Mary Audrey Juan)	124.05	X			X
GU ACHI 230.7	1. CAMILLUS LOPEZ ()	115.35	X			
	2. ALEX J. RAMON (Jerome Joaquin)	115.35	X			X
GU VO 188.3	1. FERN SALCIDO ()	94.15	X			
	2. EMILIO LEWIS (Michael Flores)	94.15	X			
HICKIWAN 167.3	1. SHIRLEY MOLINA ()	83.65	X			
	2. SANDRA ORTEGA ()	83.65	X			
PISINEMO 174.7	1. BARBARA SALVICIO (Alex Antone)	87.35	X			
	2. PATRICIA CRUZ (Johnson Jose)	87.35	X			X
SAN LUCY 160.7	1. ALBERT MANUEL, JR. (John W. Lawson, Sr.)	80.35			X	X
	2. GLORIA RAMIREZ ()	80.35			X	
SAN XAVIER 184.7	1. TONY BURRELL ()	92.35	X			X
	2. DENNIS RAMON ()	92.35	X			
SCHUK TOAK 144.5	1. MARY FLORES ()	72.25	X			
	2. AMBROSE ENCINAS (Frances B. Conde(Francisco))	72.25	X			X
SELLS 416.1	1. DENNIS E. JOSE ()	208.05	X			
	2. EVELYN JUAN ()	208.05	X			
SIF OIDAK 184.7	1. ISIDRO LOPEZ ()	92.35	X			
	2. RITA MARTINEZ (Nicholas Jose)	92.35	X			
TOTAL		2,417.5	2,256.8	-0-	160.7	[06]

**PASSED VOTES