

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Opposing Energy Development within the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife
Refuge and the Calving Grounds of the Porcupine Caribou Herd)

RESOLUTION NO. 02-046

1 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council is vested with the power to consult with other**
2 **Indian tribes and the United States Congress on all matters within the Council's**
3 **authority (Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, Article VI, Section 1(j) and (f));**
4 **and**

5 **WHEREAS, the Legislative Council has historically supported non-O'odham Indigenous peoples**
6 **in their common struggle to preserve, protect, and recover native self-determination,**
7 **self-governance, culture, and lands; and**

8 **WHEREAS, the Legislative Natural Resource Committee has met with representatives of the**
9 **Gwich'in of northeast Alaska and northwest Canada and heard their continued**
10 **opposition to energy exploration and development within the Coastal Plain of the**
11 **Arctic National Wildlife Refuge ("1002 Area"); and**

12 **WHEREAS, the 1002 Area is last intact biological Arctic and sub-Arctic ecosystem on Earth and is**
13 **the calving grounds for the Porcupine Caribou Herd; and**

14 **WHEREAS, for many thousands of years, the Gwich'in have coexisted with and relied upon the**
15 **caribou for their nutritional, cultural, and spiritual needs; and**

16 **WHEREAS, the Gwich'in communities in Alaska and Canada continue to rely on the caribou for**
17 **their traditional songs, dances, clothing and the continuation of their subsistence way**
18 **of life; even today, 80% of the Gwich'in diet is comprised of caribou and other**
19 **traditional foods; and**

20 **WHEREAS, the Porcupine Caribou Herd is now threatened by proposed oil and natural gas**
21 **exploration and development in the 1002 Area, which could disrupt the calving**
22 **grounds and the very health of the caribou herd; and**

23 **WHEREAS, H.R. 4, which has been passed in the United States House of Representatives, and S.**
24 **388, which has been introduced in the United States Senate, would not only allow**
25 **energy exploration and development in the 1002 Area, but would allow the**
26 **construction of roads, pipelines, and other infrastructure in this fragile ecosystem.**

27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Nation hereby supports and joins**
28 **the Gwich'in people in opposing energy exploration or development within the 1002**

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Area of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

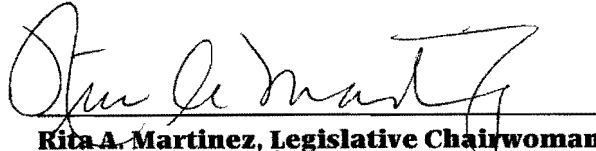
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Nation specifically opposes the passage of provisions authorizing such exploration or development as contained in H.R. 4, S. 388, or any other legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Nation supports the designation of the 1002 Area as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System under the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. § 1131 et seq.).

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Nation urges members of the United States Congress to support the designation of the 1002 Area as a Wilderness Area and to actively oppose any legislation that would open the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to energy exploration or development.

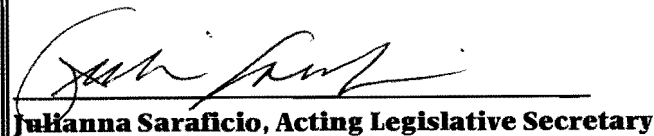
The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 04th Day of FEBRUARY, 2001 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 2,417.5 FOR; -0- AGAINST; -0-NOT VOTING; and [05] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Section 1 (f)&(i) of Article VI 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


Rita A. Martinez, Legislative Chairwoman

04th day of February, 20 02

ATTEST:


Julianna Saraficio, Acting Legislative Secretary

04 day of February, 20 02.

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'Odham Nation on the 06th day of February, 20 02 at 4:37 o'clock, P.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.

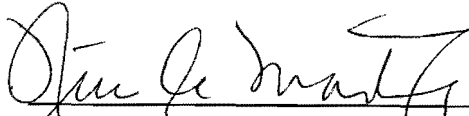
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TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL




Rita A. Martinez, Legislative Chairwoman

APPROVED

on the 7th day of February, 20 02

DISAPPROVED

at 8:54 o'clock, A.M.



EDWARD D. MANUEL, Chairman
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 7th day of

February, 20 02, at 9:50 o'clock, A.M.



Julianna Saraficio, Acting Legislative Secretary

ACTION: OPPOSING ENERGY DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE COASTAL PLAIN OF THE ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AND THE CALVING GROUNDS OF THE PORCUPINE CARIBOU HERD

MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN FRANCES ANTONE

SECOND: COUNCILMAN ALEX RAMON

DATE: FEBRUARY 04, 2002

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			
GU ACHI 230.7	1. CAMILLUS LOPEZ ()	115.35	X			
	2. ALEX J. RAMON (Jerome Joaquin)	115.35	X			
GU VO 188.3	1. FERN SALCIDO ()	94.15	X			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	2,417.5	-0-	-0-	[05]

****PASSED VOTES**