

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Opposing National Congress of American Indians Membership Dues Increase
During the 2002 Mid-Year Session)**

RESOLUTION NO. 02-274

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

4 **WHEREAS, the Nation is an active member in good standing with the National Congress of**
5 **American Indians (NCAI), which is the oldest and largest national organization of**
6 **American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments; and**

7 **WHEREAS, on May 17, 2002, the NCAI proposed an amended dues structure based upon tribal**
8 **revenue that would increase tribal dues by up to 4000%; and**

9 **WHEREAS, the proposed dues increase is excessive, has not been adequately justified, and would**
10 **unfairly burden smaller tribes; and**

11 **WHEREAS, the dues proposal should properly be addressed at the 2002 NCAI Annual Session**
12 **when a larger number of NCAI tribes will be present and able to voice their positions**
13 **and concerns.**

14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council hereby opposes**
15 **amending Section III of the NCAI Bylaws at the 2002 Mid-Year Session to increase NCAI**
16 **membership dues and supports delaying any changes to membership dues until the**
17 **2002 NCAI Annual Session.**

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council respectfully requests**
19 **that tribes from the Phoenix Area and all other Areas join in opposing any**
20 **membership dues increase during the 2002 Mid-Year Session or any future increase**
21 **without adequate justification to the NCAI's membership.**

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Council calls upon the NCAI to provide a single**
23 **report to the membership (1) a detailing NCAI's expenditures and (2) adequately**
24 **justifying the amount of the proposed membership dues increase based upon those**
25 **expenditures before the 2002 Annual Session.**

26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Council hereby requests that the NCAI**
27 **analyze and report on the reasons for the reduction in the number of member tribes**
28 **and the resulting reduction in membership dues before the 2002 Annual Session.**

29 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Legislative Council hereby encourages the NCAI to**
30 **recruit additional tribes into its membership as many non-member tribes benefit**
31 **from NCAI's advocacy.**

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1 The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 06TH Day
2 of JUNE, 2002 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 2,417.5 FOR; -0- AGAINST;
3 -0- NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Section 1 (f) of
4 Article VI of the Constitution of the Tohono O'Odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'Odham
5 Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs
6 (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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8 TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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10 Cecilia Lopez for
11 Rita A. Martinez, Legislative Chairwoman

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13 10th day of June, 20 02

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16 ATTEST:

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18 Julianna Saraficio
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20 Julianna Saraficio, Acting Legislative Secretary

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22 06 day of June, 20 02.

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24 Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'Odham
25 Nation on the 10th day of June, 20 02 at 3:05 o'clock, P. .M.,
26 pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective
27 upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of
28 submittal.

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30 TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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32 Cecilia Lopez for
33 Rita A. Martinez, Legislative Chairwoman

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38 APPROVED

on the 10 day of June, 20 02

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40 DISAPPROVED

at 4:10 o'clock, P. .M.

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44 EDWARD D. MANUEL, Chairman
45 TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION
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Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 10th day of

June, 2002, at 5:09 o'clock, P.M.

Juliana Saraficio
Juliana Saraficio, Acting Legislative Secretary

ACTION: OPPOSING NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE DURING THE 2002 MID-YEAR SESSION

MOVED: COUNCILMAN DAVID GARCIA

SECOND: COUNCILMAN ALEX RAMON

DATE: JUNE 06, 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			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			
	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			
SAN LUCY 160.7	1. ALBERT MANUEL, JR. (John W. Lawson, Sr.)	80.35	X			
	2. GLORIA RAMIREZ ()	80.35	X			
SAN XAVIER 184.7	1. CRESCENCIO "TONY" ENCINAS ()	92.35	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			
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-	[01]

**PASSED VOTES