

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**(Approving of Ms. Joy Graves' Proposal entitled, *Empower Our People: Decrease Health Disparities Among American Indians*)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-226**

1 **WHEREAS, Joy Graves is a member of the Colorado River Indian Tribes and is currently a**  
2 **graduate student at the University of Arizona completing her Master's in Public**  
3 **Health degree, of which the final requirement is an internship project. Ms. Graves**  
4 **would like to conduct a public health presentation, as information, to the Education**  
5 **Department staff and the Department of Human Services, Division of Senior Services**  
6 **elders; adult GED students; and interested groups; and**

7 **WHEREAS, the presentation provided is entitled, *Empower Our People: Decrease Health***  
8 ***Disparities Among American Indians*. The sessions will inform individuals of various**  
9 **health issues among native people and how these health problems can be decreased**  
10 **over time and prevented to improve the quality of life for tribal nations by career**  
11 **guidance and selection of education in the health professional fields; and**

12 **WHEREAS, Ms. Graves will conduct a pre and post survey only with adult GED students and**  
13 **Education staff. No surveys will be conducted with elders. The survey will indicate**  
14 **whether or not participants have improved their awareness about health disparities**  
15 **and what can be done to improve the health status of American Indians as a result of**  
16 **the public health information sessions; and**

17 **WHEREAS, these voluntary surveys shall not include any personal identifying information about**  
18 **the participants (name, gender, phone number, address) and shall not be used in any**  
19 **manner other than providing information to support her Master's thesis; and**

20 **WHEREAS, Ms. Graves has secured a Tohono O'odham interpreter for her public health**  
21 **presentations to the tribal elders, Mrs. Darra Lorentine, a member of the Tohono**  
22 **O'odham Nation and a recipient of a Bachelor's of Nursing Degree from the University**  
23 **of Arizona; and**

24 **WHEREAS, Ms. Graves respectfully requests permission to conduct her public health sessions**  
25 **and surveys to the interested groups, and to utilize the information to defend her**  
26 **master's thesis. Additionally, Ms. Graves has invited anyone interested to attend her**  
27 **presentation at the Mel & Enid Zuckerman Arizona College of Public Health**

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1                   **Internship Conference at the Arizona Cancer Center, University of Arizona, August**  
2                   **2005; and**

3 **WHEREAS, Ms. Graves proposal has been reviewed and supported by the Education**  
4                   **Administration Department and the Legislative Standing Committees: Human**  
5                   **Resources Development Committee and Health/Human Services Committee; and**

6 **WHEREAS, Ms. Graves respectfully requests permission to begin her presentations in the**  
7                   **districts that have provided district council approval to proceed with her public**  
8                   **health presentation entitled: *Empower Our People: Decrease Health Disparities***  
9                   ***Among American Indians* in the following districts:**

10                   **➤ Baboquivari District - District Council Meeting Date: 3-19-05**

11                   **➤ Gu Vo District - District Council Meeting Date: 2-26-05**  
12                   **(per Resolution No. GV05-020)**

13                   **➤ Pisinemo District - District Council Meeting Date: 3-1-05**  
14                   **(per Resolution No. 2005-06)**

15                   **➤ San Lucy District - District Council Meeting Date: 3-24-05**

16                   **➤ San Xavier District - District Council Meeting Date: 3-15-05**  
17                   **(per Resolution No. SXDC 03-05-13)**

18                   **➤ Schuk Toak District - District Council Meeting Date: 3-12-05**

19                   **➤ Sif Oidak District - District Council Meeting Date: 4-9-05; and**

20 **WHEREAS, the status of the remaining districts are still pending, but with district council**  
21                   **approval, Ms. Graves can provide these districts with the same public health**  
22                   **presentations:**

23                   **➤ HICKIWAN District - pending district council full quorum approval on 5-11-05**

24                   **➤ Gu Achi District - referred to community representatives for approval**

25                   **➤ Chukut Kuk District**

26                   **➤ Sells District**

27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council does give**  
28                   **permission to Ms. Graves to implement her public health information sessions**  
29                   **entitled, *Empower Our People: Decrease Health Disparities Among American Indians***

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1                   **in the districts listed below that have approved her project:**

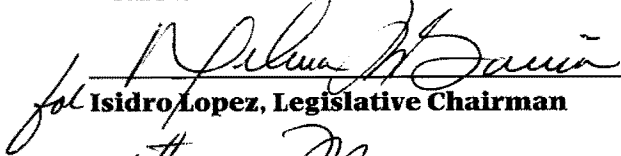
- 2                   > **Baboquivari District**
- 3                   > **Gu Vo District**
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- 6                   > **San Xavier District**
- 7                   > **Schuk Toak District**
- 8                   > **Sif Oidak District**

9 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that:**

- 10                   1. **The Legislative Council has reviewed, approved and authorizes Ms. Joy Graves**
- 11                   **proposal entitled, *Empower Our People: Decrease Health Disparities Among***
- 12                   ***American Indians.***
- 13                   2. **Ms. Graves will provide a copy of her final report to the Nation.**
- 14                   3. **Ms. Graves will provide her findings regarding health disparities awareness and**
- 15                   **recommendations to the Nation on how these statistics could be utilized to benefit**
- 16                   **the Nation.**

17 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 06<sup>TH</sup> Day**  
18 **of MAY, 2005 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 1,740.2 FOR; -0- AGAINST;**  
19 **889.5 NOT VOTING; and [03] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Section 1**  
20 **(c)(2) of Article VI of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono**  
21 **O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary -**  
22 **Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48**  
23 **Stat. 984).**

24 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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27 **for Isidro Lopez, Legislative Chairman**  
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29 **11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2005**

31 **ATTEST:**

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34 **Lucille Lopez, Acting Legislative Secretary**

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36 **11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2005.**

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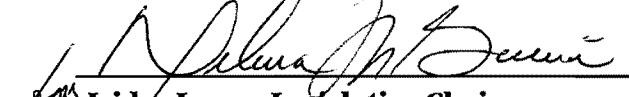
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Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairwoman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2005 at 11:10 o'clock, A.M., pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective upon her approval or upon her failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of submittal.

**TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

  
for **Isidro Lopez, Legislative Chairman**

APPROVED

on the 13 day of May, 2005

DISAPPROVED

at 8:52 o'clock, A.M.

  
**VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS, CHAIRWOMAN  
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION**

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of

May, 2005, at 8:53 o'clock, A.M.

  
**Lucille Lopez, Acting Legislative Secretary**

**ACTION: APPROVING OF MS. JOY GRAVES' PROPOSAL ENTITLED, *EMPOWER OUR PEOPLE: DECREASE HEALTH DISPARITIES AMONG AMERICAN INDIANS***

**MOVED: COUNCILMAN VERLON JOSE**

**SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN PATRICIA CRUZ**

**DATE: MAY 06, 2005**

| DISTRICT                           | LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES                               | # OF VOTES     | FOR            | AGAINST    | NOT VOTING   | ABSENT      |
|------------------------------------|---|----------------|----------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| <b>SIF OIDAK</b><br><b>192.6</b>   | 1. ISIDRO LOPEZ<br>(Nicholas Jose)                        | 96.30          | X              |            |              |             |
|                                    | 2. DARLENE ANDREW<br>(Rita Martinez)                      | 96.30          | X              |            |              |             |
| <b>SELLS</b><br><b>465.6</b>       | 1. DENNIS E. JOSE<br>( )                                  | 232.80         |                |            | X            |             |
|                                    | 2. EVELYN JUAN<br>( )                                     | 232.80         |                |            | X            |             |
| <b>SCHUK TOAK</b><br><b>176.1</b>  | 1. FRANCES B. CONDE<br>( )                                | 88.05          | X              |            |              |             |
|                                    | 2. PHYLLIS JUAN<br>( )                                    | 88.05          | X              |            |              | X           |
| <b>SAN XAVIER</b><br><b>215.4</b>  | 1. FELICIA NUÑEZ<br>(Olivia Liston-Villegas)              | 107.70         | X              |            |              | X           |
|                                    | 2. DENNIS RAMON<br>(Eleanor Hunter)                       | 107.70         | X              |            |              |             |
| <b>SAN LUCY</b><br><b>166.3</b>    | 1. JOHN W. LAWSON, SR.<br>( )                             | 83.15          | X              |            |              |             |
|                                    | 2. GLORIA RAMIREZ<br>( )                                  | 83.15          | X              |            |              |             |
| <b>PISINEMO</b><br><b>175.4</b>    | 1. BARBARA SALVICIO<br>( )                                | 87.70          | X              |            |              |             |
|                                    | 2. PATRICIA CRUZ<br>( )                                   | 87.70          | X              |            |              |             |
| <b>HICKIWAN</b><br><b>170.3</b>    | 1. DELMA GARCIA<br>(Mary E. Sam)                          | 85.15          |                |            | X            |             |
|                                    | 2. SANDRA ORTEGA<br>( )                                   | 85.15          |                |            | X            |             |
| <b>GU VO</b><br><b>191.4</b>       | 1. RAYMOND VICTOR<br>( )                                  | 95.70          | X              |            |              |             |
|                                    | 2. MICHAEL FLORES<br>(Willard Manuel)                     | 95.70          | X              |            |              | X           |
| <b>GU ACHI</b><br><b>253.6</b>     | 1. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN<br>(Jonas Robles)                   | 126.80         |                |            | X            |             |
|                                    | 2. JEROME JOAQUIN<br>(Roberta Picard)                     | 126.80         |                |            | X            |             |
| <b>CHUKUT KUK</b><br><b>258.9</b>  | 1. KENNETH WILLIAMS (Absent)<br>(Juanita Homer) (Present) | 129.45         | X              |            |              |             |
|                                    | 2. VERLON M. JOSE<br>(David Garcia)                       | 129.45         | X              |            |              |             |
| <b>BABOQUIVARI</b><br><b>364.1</b> | 1. FRANCES MIGUEL<br>( Lucilda Norris-Valenzuela )        | 182.05         | X              |            |              |             |
|                                    | 2. FRANCES G. ANTONE<br>( )                               | 182.05         | X              |            |              |             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                       |   | <b>2,629.7</b> | <b>1,740.2</b> | <b>-0-</b> | <b>889.5</b> | <b>[03]</b> |

**\*\*PASSED VOTES**