RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

(Approving a Loan Transaction Among the Tohono O'odham Gaming Enterprise, as borrower, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent, and Various Lenders for the Financing of the New Nogales Highway Casino/Hotel Project)

RESOLUTION NO. 06-105

1	WHEREAS,	the Tohono O'odham Nation (the "Nation") is a federally recognized Indian tribe
2		organized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48) and Act of June 18, 1934 (48)
3		Stat. 984; 25 U.S.C. § 476), which exercises sovereignty over both its members and its
4		lands; and
5	WHEREAS,	pursuant to Article VI of the Nation's Constitution, the Tohono O'odham Legislative
6		Council (the "Legislative Council") is vested with all of the legislative powers of the
7	,	Nation and is empowered to enact laws, ordinances, and resolutions necessary or
8		incidental to the exercise of its legislative powers; and
9	WHEREAS,	the Legislative Council of the Nation has enacted an Ordinance for Regulation of
10		Gaming Activities Within the Tohono O'odham Nation (the "Gaming Ordinance"),
11		which ordinance was adopted pursuant to Resolution No. 93-296 and amended by
12		Resolution 97-150, Resolution 97-168, Resolution 97-303, Resolution 99-206, and
13		Resolution No. 03-084; and
14	WHEREAS,	the Gaming Ordinance provides that all gaming activities conducted within the
15		Nation shall be owned entirely by the Nation and conducted and operated by a tribal
16		enterprise; and
17	WHEREAS,	the Tohono O'odham Gaming Enterprise (the "Gaming Enterprise"), which formerly
18		was known as the Tohono O'odham Gaming Authority, is a tribal governmental
19		enterprise of the Nation established pursuant to Article VI of the Nation's
20		Constitution as the tribal enterprise responsible for operating the Nation's gaming
21		facilities and conducting gaming activities in compliance with the requirements of
22		the Gaming Ordinance; and
23	WHEREAS,	the Legislative Council adopted the Charter of the Gaming Enterprise by Resolution
24		No.93311andamendedtheCharterbyResolution02294, ResolutionNo.03231, and
25		Resolution 04-513; and
26	WHEREAS,	the Gaming Enterprise currently operates three gaming facilities, known as the
27		Desert Diamond Casino (Nogales Highway), the Desert Diamond Casino (Pima Mine
28		Road), and the Golden Ha:San Casino; and

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1		Lenders, and by the Gaming Enterprise executing and delivering the Loan Documents
2		to the Administrative Agent and/or the Lenders; and
3	WHEREAS,	Section 8(b)(2) of the Charter of the Gaming Enterprise contains a limited waiver of
4		the Gaming Enterprise's sovereign immunity with respect to claims based upon a
5		written contract to which the Gaming Enterprise is a party; and
6	WHEREAS,	as a condition to financing the Project, the Loan Documents require the Gaming
7		Enterprise to obtain a broader waiver of its immunity from suit, on the terms set forth
8		in the Loan Documents, which include an agreement to arbitrate disputes; and
9	WHEREAS,	the Nation has not enacted a version of the Uniform Commercial Code or similar laws
10		of the sort that typically would govern complex commercial transactions of the
11		nature contemplated in the Loan Documents, nor do the Nation's Constitution, laws,
12		or customs address the interpretation and enforcement of transactions such as those
13		contemplated in the Loan Documents; and
14	WHEREAS,	the Gaming Enterprise, the Administrative Agent, and the Lenders desire that Loan
15		Documents be interpreted and enforced under the substantive provisions of Arizona
16		law, including Art. II, § 25, of the Arizona Constitution relating to the impairment of
17		contracts and the applicable provisions of Arizona's version of the Uniform
18		Commercial Code; and
19	WHEREAS,	the Administrative Agent and the Lenders have required, as a condition to financing
20		the Project, that the Loan Documents and other ancillary document that may be
21		entered into in connection with the Loan Documents (the "Related Documents") will
22		be interpreted and enforced under the substantive provisions of Arizona law, so the
23		Gaming Enterprise, the Administrative Agent, and the Lenders all will be assured that
24		the Loan Documents and the Related Documents will be interpreted and enforced in
25		accordance with their terms; and
26	WHEREAS,	Administrative Agent has been provided with copies of the Nation's Constitution and
27		the ordinances, resolutions, other laws, and rules of the Nation that are identified in
28		Exhibit A (the " <i>Ordinances</i> "); and
29	WHEREAS,	the Commerce Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee of the Legislative

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action (including, without limitation, any defense based thereon and all judicial review proceedings) in favor of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders, in lieu of the provisions of Section 8(b)(2) of the Charter of the Gaming Enterprise, and consents to binding arbitration before the American Arbitration Association to resolve any disputes arising out of or related to the Loan Documents and the Related Documents, to the enforcement of the Gaming Enterprise's agreement to arbitrate, to the enforcement of arbitration decisions or awards rendered in conformance with the Loan Documents, as described in Article 11 of the Loan Agreement and as summarized below, and to any deposit accounts, related products, and Treasury Services products or services that the Gaming Enterprise currently has or may open in the future with Administrative Agent.

- A. The Nation waives any doctrine that otherwise would require the exhaustion of remedies in the Judicial Court of the Tohono O'odham Nation (including any administrative remedies) before proceeding with arbitration or litigation arising out of or related to the Loan Documents and any Related Documents, self-help remedies, foreclosure, and/or provisional and ancillary remedies in accordance with the Loan Documents.
- B. The Nation consents to (i) the enforcement of the Gaming Enterprise's agreement to arbitrate and (ii) the confirmation and enforcement of any arbitration decisions or awards in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona and in any federal court to which the decisions of that court can be appealed ("Federal Court"). If there is no colorable claim that the Federal Court has jurisdiction, if the Federal Court determines that it lacks jurisdiction, or in the event of a challenge to the Federal Court's jurisdiction, then the Nation consents to (i) the enforcement of the Gaming Enterprise's agreement to arbitrate and (ii) the confirmation and enforcement of any arbitration decisions or awards in the Judicial Court of the Tohono O'odham Nation or in the Arizona Superior Court and in any court to which the decisions of those courts can be appealed. The Nation also consents to any

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- party domesticating an arbitration award that has been reduced to a judgment in any jurisdiction in which the judgment debtor has property or assets and enforcing the judgment creditor's rights against the property or assets in any such jurisdiction.
- C. The waiver and consent extends to an award of attorneys' fees and other costs against the Gaming Enterprise, in accordance with the Loan Documents. This waiver and consent shall not extend to permit any monetary judgments or awards against officials or agents of the Gaming Enterprise acting within the scope of their authority in the exercise of their duties to the Gaming Enterprise or to the Nation.
- D. The Nation approves the choice of law, arbitration, service of process, and consent to jurisdiction provisions set forth in Article 11 of the Loan Agreement.
- E. This waiver and consent shall be irrevocable and may not be rescinded, revoked, or modified without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders. This waiver and consent are granted solely for purposes of the Loan Documents and Related Documents, and shall not extend to any other transactions or subjects.

4. Applicable Laws.

A. The Loan Documents shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the Nation's Constitution, this Resolution, the laws of the State of Arizona (without giving effect to conflict of laws principles) including Art. II, § 25, of the Arizona Constitution relating to the impairment of contracts and the applicable provisions of Arizona's version of the Uniform Commercial Code, and applicable Federal law, including the constitutional law of the United States prohibiting impairment of contracts. For purposes of this Resolution, the term "Uniform Commercial Code" shall mean Chapters 1, 8, and 9 of the Arizona Uniform Commercial Code (including the definitions incorporated by reference into Section 47-9102(B) thereof) as in effect from time-to-time. The

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Nation acknowledges that the transactions contemplated under the Loan Documents bear a reasonable relation to the State of Arizona, such that the Gaming Enterprise, the Administrative Agent, and the Lenders may agree that the Uniform Commercial Code will govern their rights and duties under the Loan Documents and any Related Documents. The method of the creation, the effect of perfection and non-perfection, the priority among competing creditors, and the enforcement of all security interests granted by the Gaming Enterprise to the Administrative Agent, for itself and the Lenders, in accordance with the Loan Documents shall be governed by the Uniform Commercial Code. For purposes of the security interests to be granted under the Loan Documents, (i) the "location" of the Gaming Enterprise shall be Sahuarita, Arizona; and (ii) the office in which to file a financing statement to perfect a security interest in the Collateral is the Office of the Secretary of State of Arizona, except for as-extracted collateral, timber to be cut, or goods that are or are to become fixtures. For purposes of Section 47-9109(D)(14) of the Uniform Commercial Code, the Nation acknowledges that the Gaming Enterprise is not a "governmental unit" of the State of Arizona or any other state in the United States.

B. If an arbitrator or court determines, for any reason, that the Uniform Commercial Code does not govern the rights and duties of the parties under the Loan Documents and the Related Documents, despite their agreement to the contrary, then, in accordance with Title III, Laws of the Tohono O'odham Nation, Section 1-102, the Nation's law governing the Loan Documents shall be the Uniform Commercial Code, except that, for purposes of the security interests to be granted under the Loan Documents, (i) the "location" of the Gaming Enterprise shall be Sahuarita, Arizona; and (ii) the office in which to file a financing statement to perfect a security interest in the Collateral shall be the Office of the Secretary of State of Arizona, except for as-extracted collateral, timber to be cut, or goods that are or are to become fixtures.

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- C. Any laws of the Nation, other than the Nation's Constitution and the Ordinances, that conflict with or are inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution, the Loan Documents, the Estoppel Certificate, and/or the Related Documents shall be inapplicable to the Loan Documents, the Related Documents, the Collateral, and/or the Estoppel Certificate, to the extent of any such conflict or inconsistency.
 - 5. Authority to Execute Estoppel Certificate. The Chairperson of the Nation is authorized to execute the Estoppel Certificate and to deliver it to the Administrative Agent on behalf of the Nation, as well as any and all other documents, certificates, financing statements, consents, representations, and warranties required in connection with the Loan, and to take all other actions consistent with this Resolution and necessary to consummate the financing. No further approval, consent, notice, or filing shall be required as a matter of Federal law or the Nation's law for the Gaming Enterprise to execute, deliver, and perform under the Loan Documents and Related Documents or for the Chairperson of the Nation to execute and deliver the Estoppel Certificate.
 - 6. <u>Limited Waiver of the Nation's Immunity.</u> The Nation hereby grants a limited waiver of its sovereign immunity from suit or action (including, without limitation, any defense based thereon and all judicial review proceedings) in favor of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders, and consents to binding arbitration before the American Arbitration Association to resolve any disputes arising out of or related to the Estoppel Certificate, to the enforcement of the agreement to arbitrate in the Estoppel Certificate, and to the enforcement of arbitration decisions or awards rendered in conformance with the Estoppel Certificate, as described in Article 7 of the Estoppel Certificate.
 - 7. <u>Binding Obligation; Impairment.</u> When fully executed, the Loan Documents will be valid, binding, and enforceable obligations of the Gaming Enterprise. Upon perfection, the lien created by the pledge of the Collateral under the Security Agreement will be superior to and will have first priority and will be valid and

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1	binding from the time the pledge is made as evidenced by the execution and
2	delivery of the Loan Documents. The Nation will take no action that would
3	materially impair the rights, liens, interests, and/or remedies provided in the
4	Loan Documents without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent
5	The Legislative Council finds that no provision of the Nation's Constitution o
6	laws, and no custom, would impair the Loan Documents or Related Documents
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8	The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the $22^{ m ND}$. Day
9	of <u>FEBRUARY</u> , 2006 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 1,657.7 FOR; -0
10	AGAINST; 783.1 NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by
11	$\textbf{Section 1} \ \underline{\textbf{(f)}} \ of Article VI of the Constitution of the Tohono O'Odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'Odham Constitution of the Constitution of the Constitution O'Odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'Odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'Odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'Odham Nation, adopted by the Constitution O'Odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'Odham Nation O$
12	O'Odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary
13	Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (4
14 15	Stat. 984).
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32	Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairwoman of the Tohono
- 1	O'Odham Nation on the 21 day of February, 2006 at 3.07 o'clock, QM.
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34	pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective
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		Agent, and Various Lenders for the Financing of the New Nogales
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ACTION: APPROVING A LOAN TRANSACTION AMONG THE TOHONO O'ODHAM GAMING ENTERPRISE, AS BORROWER, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT, AND VARIOUS LENDERS FOR THE FINANCING OF THE NEW NOGALES HIGHWAY CASINO/HOTEL PROJECT

MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN FRANCES ANTONE

SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN FELICIA NUNEZ

DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 2006

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI	1. FRANCES MIGUEL	155.40	X			
310.8	2.FRANCES G. ANTONE (Lucilda J.Valenzuela (Norris))	155.40	X			
CHUKUT KUK	1. ETHEL GARCIA	129.35	X			
258.7	2. VERLON M. JOSE (David Garcia)	129.35	X			
GU ACHI	1. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN	110.80	X			
221.6	(Jonas Robles) 2. CYNTHIA E. MANUEL** (Louis L. Johnson)	110.80	. X			
GU VO	1. RAYMOND VICTOR	96.55			X	
193.1	2. MICHAEL FLORES (Grace Manuel)	96.55			X	
HICKIWAN	1. DELMA GARCIA	83.70	X			
167.4	(Mary E. Sam) 2. SANDRA ORTEGA** ()	83.70	X			
PISINEMO	1. BARBARA SALVICIO	85.90	X			
171.8	2. GERALD FAYUANT	85.90	X			
SAN LUCY	1. JOHN W. LAWSON, SR.	84.50			x	X
169.0	2. GLORIA RAMIREZ	84.50			x	
SAN XAVIER	1. FELICIA NUÑEZ	96.90	X			
193.8	2. OLIVIA VILLEGAS-LISTON	96.90	X			
SCHUK TOAK	1. FRANCES B. CONDE	73.45	X			
146.9	2. PHYLLIS JUAN	73.45	X			
SELLS	1. MARLENE SARAFICIO-JUAN**	210.50			x	
421.0	2. EVELYN B. JUAN MANUEL	210.50			x	
SIF OIDAK	1. WAVALENE SAUNDERS	93.35	X			X
186.7	(Isidro Lopez) 2. DARLENE ANDREW (Rita Martinez)	93.35	X			
	TOTAL	2,440.80	1,657.7	-0-	783.1	[01]