

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Support for the Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care Statute Amendments)

RESOLUTION NO. 15-488

1 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Constitution vests the Legislative Council with the**
2 **authority to “promote, protect and provide for public health, peace, morals,**
3 **education and general welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its members”**
4 **and to “consult, negotiate and conclude agreements and contracts on behalf of**
5 **the Tohono O'odham Nation with Federal, State and local governments. . .”**
6 **(Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(f)); and**

7 **WHEREAS, the Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care (“AACOIHC”) was established**
8 **in 1989 by the Arizona State Legislature; and**

9 **WHEREAS, the members of the AACOIHC are appointed by the Governor of the State of**
10 **Arizona and are comprised of representatives of tribal governments, and tribal**
11 **and urban Indian health organizations; and**

12 **WHEREAS, the mission of the AACOIHC is to, “Advocate for wellness and access to high**
13 **quality healthcare for all American Indians in Arizona” with regard to the**
14 **development of Title XIX (Medicaid) and Title XXI (Children’s Health Insurance**
15 **Program) demonstration programs, services, and polices; and**

16 **WHEREAS, the AACOIHC statutes provide authorities to the AACOIHC to recommend and**
17 **advocate for health care related policy and legislation in Arizona that will**
18 **beneficially impact tribes in Arizona; and**

19 **WHEREAS, the AACOIHC is one of two state agencies/commissions of the Arizona State**
20 **government that work directly with tribal governments in Arizona to address**
21 **American Indian issues and concerns; and**

22 **WHEREAS, the relationship between the State of Arizona and tribes is important for**
23 **collaborative governance to elevate the health status of all American Indians in**
24 **Arizona, who comprise 5.3% of the population, but who have the most significant**
25 **and disproportionate rates of health disparities of any racial or ethnic group in**
26 **the state; and**

27 **WHEREAS, the establishment of the AACOIHC in 1989 began with tribes leading efforts to**
28 **develop and implement comprehensive health care delivery and financing**
29 **systems on behalf of their communities; and**

30 **WHEREAS, the role of the AACOIHC has evolved over the last 26 years and changes in federal**
31 **and state health care polices and program development efforts of tribes and**

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1 urban Indian health programs now require the AACOIHC statutes reflect these
2 changes; and

3 WHEREAS, the AACOIHC solicited feedback and recommendations to amend Arizona
4 Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") 36-2902.01 and A.R.S. 36-2902.02 from tribes in
5 Arizona during a half day Tribal Consultation Meeting on Monday, June 15, 2015
6 and through a 45-day open comment process; and

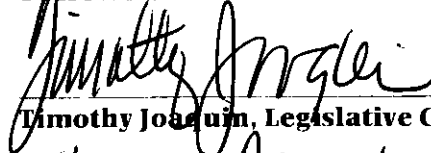
7 WHEREAS, the AACOIHC urges the Arizona State Legislature in the 2016 legislative session
8 to amend A.R.S. 36-2902.01 and A.R.S. 36-2902.02 to be current and supportive of
9 tribes and urban Indian organizations in Arizona and their progressive and
10 evolving medical and public health care systems; and

11 WHEREAS, the Health and Human Services Committee recommends supporting the
12 AACOIHC amendments to update A.R.S. 36-2902.01 and A.R.S. 36-2902.02.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that it
14 supports the AACOIHC amendments to update A.R.S. 36-2902.01 and A.R.S. 36-
15 2902.02.

16 The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 10TH
17 day of DECEMBER, 2015 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,021,4 FOR;
18 -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by
19 Article VI, Sections 1(c)(2) and Section 1(f) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation,
20 adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting
21 Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section
22 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).

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25 TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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29 Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman

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31 11 day of December, 2015

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35 ATTEST:

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38 Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

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Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 11 day of December, 2015 at 5:00 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.

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL



Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman

APPROVED

on the 11 day of December, 2015

DISAPPROVED

at 6:02 o'clock, P.m.



EDWARD D. MANUEL, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 11 day of
December, 2015, at 8:10 o'clock, A.m.



Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: SUPPORT FOR THE ARIZONA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN HEALTH CARE STATUTE AMENDMENTS

MOVED: COUNCILMAN CHESTER ANTONE

SECOND: COUNCILMAN ARTHUR WILSON

DATE: DECEMBER 10, 2015

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI 367.2	1. FRANCES MIGUEL (Roberta E. Harvey)	183.60	X			
	2. VERNON J. SMITH (Gloria Zazueta)	183.60	X			
CHUKUT KUK 332.1	1. ETHEL GARCIA (Marlakay K. Henry)	166.05	X			
	2. BILLMAN LOPEZ (Patricia Vicenti)	166.05	X			
GUACHI 265.0	1. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN (Louis L. Johnson)	132.50	X			
	2. LORETTA LEWIS ()	132.50	X			
GU VO 250.6	1. GRACE MANUEL (Dallas Lewis)	125.30	X			
	2. PAMELA ANGHILL (Jeffery Antone, Sr.)	125.30	X			
HICKIWAN 205.8	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Shirley Molina)	102.90	X			
	2. SANDRA ORTEGA ()	102.90	X			
PISINEMO 219.9	1. CHESTER ANTONE ()	109.95	X			
	2. MONICA K. MORGAN ()	109.95	X			
SAN LUCY 226.5	1. DIANA MANUEL ()	113.25	X			
	2. JANA MONTANA (Gloria Ramirez)	113.25	X			
SAN XAVIER 228.6	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III ()	114.30	X			
	2. RACHEAL VILSON-STONER (Olivia Villegas-Liston)	114.30	X			
SCHUK TOAK 180.6	1. ANTHONY J. FRANCISCO JR. ()	90.30	X			
	2. QUINTIN C. LOPEZ (John Fendenheim)	90.30	X			
SELLS 513.5	1. ARTHUR WILSON (Beverly Rivas)	256.75	X			
	2. BARBARA HAVIER ()	256.75	X			
SIF OIDAK 231.6	1. LUCINDA ALLEN (Nicholas Jose)	115.80	X			
	2. MARY LOPEZ ()	115.80	X			X
TOTAL		3,021.4	3,021.4	-0-	-0-	[01]