## RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (Approving the Tax Settlement Agreement Between the Tohono O'odham Nation and Empire Southwest, LLC)

## **RESOLUTION NO. 16-131**

| 1  | WHEREAS,   | the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council is vested with the power to "exercise     |
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| 2  |            | the inherent powers of the Tohono O'odham Nation by providing laws,              |
| 3  |            | ordinances or resolutions: to govern the conduct of members of the Tohono        |
| 4  |            | O'odham Nation and other persons within its jurisdiction and to exercise the     |
| 5  |            | following fiscal powers: to levy duties, fees, taxes and assessments on any      |
| 6  |            | person, corporation or association residing or doing business within the Tohono  |
| 7  |            | O'odham Nation"(Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, Article VI,           |
| 8  |            | Section 1(c)(1); (d)(4)); and  |
| 9  | WHEREAS,   | Empire Southwest, LLC is located on the Tohono O'odham Nation at 7600 South      |
| 10 |            | Nogales Highway, Tucson, AZ and has been transacting business at this location   |
| 11 |            | since 1974; and  |
| 12 | WHEREAS,   | 22 Tohono O'odham Code Chapter 2, Section 5 provides for the levy and            |
| 13 |            | collection of Transaction Privilege Tax ("TPT") upon "every person engaging or   |
| 14 |            | continuing within the exterior boundaries of the Tohono O'odham Nation in        |
| 15 |            | thebusiness [of] selling any tangible personal property at retail"; and          |
| 16 | WHEREAS,   | 22 Tohono O'odham Code Chapter 2, Sections 7 and 10 provide for the              |
| 17 |            | assessment of penalties and interest on any delinquent tax payments; and         |
| 18 | WHEREAS,   | the Office of the Treasurer, pursuant to a Managed Audit Agreement and after a   |
| 19 |            | redetermination, found that Empire Southwest, LLC owed the Tohono O'odham        |
| 20 |            | Nation \$2,855,861.35 in TPT, including all assessed penalties and interest; and |
| 21 | WHEREAS,   | the Office of the Treasurer and Empire Southwest, LLC have reached settlement,   |
| 22 |            | and a copy of the Tax Settlement Agreement is attached and incorporated by this  |
| 23 |            | reference; and   |
| 24 | WHEREAS,   | this resolution and Tax Settlement Agreement have been reviewed by the Budget    |
| 25 |            | and Finance and the Commerce Committees, which recommend approval by the         |
| 26 |            | Legislative Council.   |
| 27 | NOW, THERE | FORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the    |
| 28 |            | Tax Settlement Agreement between the Tohono O'odham Nation and Empire            |

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| Southwest, LLC, substantially in the form attached; and authorizes the   |
| Chairman to execute it.  |
| The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the <u>06<sup>TH</sup></u> day of <u>APRIL</u> , <u>2016</u> at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of <u>3</u> ,021.4 FOR; <u>-0-AGAINST</u> ; <u>-0-NOT VOTING</u> ; and <u>[02]</u> ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 1(c)(l):(d)(4) 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  Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman  |
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| ATTEST:  |
| Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the day of, 2016 at, 2016 at, 2016 at,,,,,,,,,,   |
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EDWARD D. MANUEL, CHAIRMAN TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

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| 1                          | Returned to the Legislative Secretary on theday of   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 8                          | Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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ACTION: APPROVING THE TAX SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION AND

**EMPIRE SOUTHWEST, LLC** 

MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA HAVIER SECOND: COUNCILMAN ARTHUR WILSON

**DATE:** APRIL 06, 2016

| DISTRICT             | LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES   | # OF<br>VOTES | FOR     | AGAINST | NOT<br>VOTING | ABSEN    |
|----------------------|---|---------------|---------|---------|---------------|----------|
| BABOQUIVARI<br>367.2 | 1. FRANCES MIGUEL<br>(Roberta E. Harvey)                                | 183.60        | х       |         |               | <u> </u> |
|                      | 2. VERNON J. SMITH<br>(Gloria Zazueta)                                  | 183.60        | x       |         |               |          |
| CHUKUT KUK<br>332.1  | 1. ETHEL GARCIA<br>(Marlakay K. Henry)                                  | 166.05        | X       |         |               |          |
| 332.1                | 2. BILLMAN LOPEZ (Patricia Vicenti)                                     | 166.05        | X       |         |               |          |
| GU ACHI<br>265.0     | 1. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN<br>(Louis L. Johnson)                             | 132.50        | х       |         | <del></del> . |          |
| 203.0                | 2. LORETTA LEWIS ( )  | 132.50        | x       |         |               |          |
| GU VO                | 1. GRACE MANUEL   | 125.3         | X       |         |               | <u> </u> |
| 250.6                | (Dallas Lewis) 2. PAMELA ANGHILL (Jeffery Antone, Sr.)                  | 125.3         | x       |         |               |          |
| HICKIWAN<br>205.8    | 1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ<br>(Shirley Molina)                                   | 102.90        | Х       |         |               |          |
|                      | 2. SANDŘA ORTEGA<br>( )   | 102.90        | x       |         |               | X        |
| PISINEMO<br>219.9    | 1. CHESTER ANTONE   | 109.95        | х       |         | •             | х        |
| 213.3                | 2. MONICA K. MORGAN   | 109.95        | x       |         |               |          |
| SAN LUCY<br>226.5    | 1. DIANA MANUEL   | 113.25        | х       |         |               |          |
|                      | 2. JANA MONTANA<br>(Gloria Ramirez)                                     | 113.25        | x       |         |               |          |
| SAN XAVIER<br>228.6  | 1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III  | 114.3         | х       |         |               |          |
|                      | 2. RACHEAL VILSON-STONER (Absent)<br>(Olivia Villegas-Liston) (Present) | 114.3         | x       |         |               |          |
| SCHUK TOAK<br>180.6  | 1. ANTHONY J. FRANCISCO JR.   | 90.3          | X       |         |               |          |
|                      | 2. QUINTIN C. LOPEZ<br>(John Fendenheim)                                | 90.3          | x       |         |               |          |
| SELLS<br>513.5       | 1. ARTHUR WILSON<br>(Beverly Rivas                                      | 256.75        | x       |         |               |          |
|                      | 2. BARBARA HAVIER ( )   | 256.75        | x       |         |               |          |
| SIF OIDAK<br>231.6   | 1. LUCINDA ALLEN<br>(Nicholas Jose)                                     | 115.80        | X       |         |               |          |
| 232.0                | 2. MARY LOPEZ   | 115.80        | x       |         |               |          |
|                      | TOTAL   | 3,021.4       | 3,021.4 | -0-     | -0-           | [02]     |