

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**(Approving the Submission of Written Comments to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-132**

1 **WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council**  
2 **with the authority to "promote, protect and provide for public health, peace,**  
3 **morals, education and general welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its**  
4 **members" and to "consult with the Congress of the United States and**  
5 **appropriate federal agencies regarding federal activities that affect the Tohono**  
6 **O'odham Nation. . ." (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(j)); and**

7 **WHEREAS, the Nation's written comments to federal laws, rules, and proposed actions must**  
8 **be approved by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council (1 Tohono O'odham**  
9 **Code Chapter 3); and**

10 **WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs issued a March 3, 2016 notice of tribal**  
11 **consultation for a proposed rule change to 38 CFR Part 14 to allow for the**  
12 **recognition of tribal organizations for representation of Veterans Affairs**  
13 **claimants; and**

14 **WHEREAS, the Nation's Veterans Affairs Office, which was established in 1999 to provide**  
15 **veterans resources and assistance to the services provided by the U.S.**  
16 **Department of Veterans Affairs, supports the proposed rule change to 38 CFR**  
17 **Part 14 to recognize tribal organizations (Federal Register, Vol. 81, No. 47); and**

18 **WHEREAS, the Human Resources Development Committee drafted and reviewed the**  
19 **Nation's written comments, which are incorporated by this reference in**  
20 **substantially the form attached, and recommends approval and submission to**  
21 **the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs prior to the April 11, 2016 deadline.**

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that it**  
23 **approves the Nation's written comments in substantially the form attached for**  
24 **submission by the Nation's chairperson to the U.S. Department of Veterans**  
25 **Affairs prior to the April 11, 2016 deadline.**

26 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 06<sup>TH</sup>**  
27 **day of APRIL, 2016 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 2,840.8 FOR; -0-**  
28 **AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and 180.6[05] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council**  
29 **by Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(j) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation,**  
30 **adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting**  
31 **Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section**  
32 **16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**  
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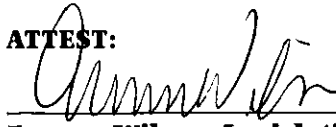
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**TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

  
FOR  
Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman

07 day of April, 2016


**ATTEST:**

  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

7 day of April, 2016

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 7 day of April, 2016 at 2:57 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**

  
FOR  
Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman

APPROVED

on the 7 day of April, 2016

DISAPPROVED

at 3:05 o'clock, P.m.

  
EDWARD D. MANUEL, CHAIRMAN  
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 7 day of  
April, 2016, at 3:46 o'clock, P.m.

  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS

MOVED: COUNCILMAN CHESTER ANTONE

SECOND: COUNCILMAN LOUIS R. LOPEZ

DATE: APRIL 06, 2016

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)	125.3	X			X
	2. PAMELA ANGHILL (Jeffery Antone, Sr.)	125.3	X			
HICKIWAN 205.8	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Shirley Molina)	102.90	X			
	2. SANDRA ORTEGA ( )	102.90	X			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 ( )	114.3	X			
	2. RACHEAL VILSON-STONER ( <i>Absent</i> ) (Olivia Villegas-Liston) ( <i>Present</i> )	114.3	X			X
SCHUK TOAK 180.6	1. ANTHONY J. FRANCISCO JR. ( )	90.3				X
	2. QUINTIN C. LOPEZ (John Fendenheim)	90.3				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			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,021.4</b>	<b>2,840.8</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>180.6</b> <b>[05]</b>