

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Expressing Opposition to the Proposal of the Indian Health
Service (USPHS) to Relocate the Office of Health Programs Research
and Development and Merge the Tucson Program
Office into the Phoenix Area Office)

RES. NO. 91-245

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3 WHEREAS, the Indian Health Service has proposed the relocation of
4 the Office of Health Programs Research and Development
5 (OHPRD) to Albuquerque, New Mexico; and

6 WHEREAS, simultaneous with the relocation of OHPRD, the Tucson
7 Program Office of IHS is to be merged into the Phoenix
8 Area Office; and

9 WHEREAS, said proposed relocation and merger will result in the
10 reduction in health care and support services provided by
11 IHS to the members of the Tohono O'odham Nation; and

12 WHEREAS, the needs of the members of the Tohono O'odham Nation
13 remain grossly unmet in both the clinical services areas
14 and the sanitation facilities area based upon recent IHS
15 reports to the Congress of the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, the planned merger with the Phoenix Area Office will
17 result in a decline in services to the Tohono O'odham
18 Nation and other tribes served by that Office; and

19 WHEREAS, the proposed relocation and merger will leave the Tohono
20 O'odham Nation with only a Service Unit in the IHS
21 structure, and further impair the minimal progress made
22 to improve the health status of the Tohono O'odham
23 members; and

24 WHEREAS, the Executive Branch by and through the Health Department
25 and the Office of the Chairman in consultation with the
26 Health and Human Services Committee of the Tohono O'odham
27 Legislative Council has developed a position paper
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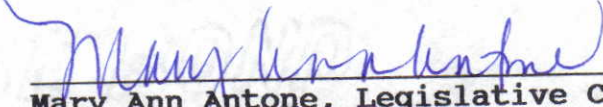
commenting and opposing this proposed reorganization of IHS (attached hereto as Exhibit A).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council of the Tohono O'odham Nation expresses strong opposition to the proposed relocation of OHPRD and the merger of the Tucson Program Office into the Phoenix Area Office, due to its negative impact on the health care and support services provided to the members of the Nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Council formally adopts the Tohono O'odham Nation's Position Paper on this IHS reorganization and authorizes the Executive Branch of the Tohono O'odham Nation to request withdrawal of this IHS proposal by communicating with IHS officials, officials of the Department of Health and Human Services and Members of Congress on this matter.

The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Council on the 5th day of June, 1991 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 1,664.5 for; -0- against; 59.5 not voting; -0- absent, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Section 1 (j) of Article VI 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


Mary Ann Antone, Legislative Chairwoman

6th day of June, 1991.

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ATTEST:

Teresa M. Choyguha
Teresa M. Choyguha, Legislative Secretary

6th day of June, 1991.

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 6th day of June, 1991, at 3:53 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

Mary Ann Antone
for Mary Ann Antone, Legislative Chairwoman

[] APPROVED) on the 10th day of June, 1991,
[] DISAPPROVED) at 2:50 o'clock, P.M.

Josiah Moore
JOSIAH MOORE, Chairman
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 10th day of June, 1991, at 3:08 o'clock, P.M.

Teresa M. Choyguha
Teresa M. Choyguha
Legislative Secretary

MOVED: COUNCILMAN ALEX RAMON
 SECOND: COUNCILMAN EUGENE ENIS, SR.
 DATE: JUNE 5, 1991

SUBJECT: EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSAL OF THE
USPHS TO RELOCATE THE OHPRD & MERGE THE TUCSON PROGRAM
OFFICE IN THE PHOENIX AREA OFFICE

DISTRICTS	REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI 229.0	1. Earl A. Francisco (Kenneth Chico)	114.5	X			
	2. Frances Miguel (Joann Garcia)	114.5	X			
CHUKUT KUK 163.0	1. Kenneth Williams (Harriet Toro)	81.5	X			
	2. Alberta Lopez (Berdella Jose)	81.5	X			
GU ACHI 166.0	1. Alex Ramon (Fernando Joaquin)	83.0	X			
	2. Willard Anita (Jonas Robles)	83.0	X			
GU VO 114.0	1. Virgil Lewis (Michael Flores)	57.0	X			
	2. Emilio Lewis (Anthony Flores)	57.0	X			
HICKIWAN 125.0	1. Lloyd Francisco (Billy C. Manuel)	62.5	X			
	2. Manuel Osequeda, Jr. ()	62.5	X			
PISINENO 119.0	1. Johnson Jose ()	59.5	X			
	2. Chester Antone (Fernando Valentine)	59.5			X	
SAN LUCY 106.0	1. Albert Manuel, Jr. (Max P. Jose)	53.0	X			
	2. John Reno (Mary Hoffman)	53.0	X			
SAN XAVIER 127.0	1. Joanne C. Preston (Carmelita Mattias)	63.5	X			
	2. Eugene Enis, Sr. (Michael R. Rios)	63.5	X			
SCHUK TOAK 107.0	1. JoAnn Francisco (David Valenzuela, Sr)	53.5	X			
	2. Frances Francisco** (Joseph Juan)	53.5	X			
SELLS 310.0	1. Joseph T. Joaquin (Larry Garcia)	155.0	X			
	2. Andrew Patricio (Lucille Encinas)	155.0	X			
SIF OIDAK 158.0	1. Mary Ann Antone (Nina Jose)	79.0	X			
	2. Willard Juan, Sr. (Delbert Thomas)	79.0	X			
TOTAL		1,724.0	1,664.5	-0-	59.5	-0-

**PASSED VOTES