

RES. NO. 91-305

(Demanding the Return of the Human Remains, Artifacts,
and Funerary Objects Excavated as A Result of the Pueblo
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human remains, as determined by the medicine woman
engaged by the Legislative Council's Cultural
Preservation Committee; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 1991, with the support of the other south-
central Indian Tribes and pursuant to ARS 41-844 (K),
the Nation submitted a written request to ADOT for the
repatriation and reburial of the human remains; and

WHEREAS, the Nation notified the Arizona State Museum by letter
dated March 26, 1991 that it had a claim of cultural
affinity to all material discovered and excavated by
ADOT and SSI from the Pueblo Grande-Hohokam Expressway
project; and

WHEREAS, by facsimile transmission on March 28 and by certified
return receipt letter on March 8, the Nation repeated
its written demand for the immediate repatriation and
reburial of the human remains excavated from the Pueblo
Grande-Hohokam Expressway project; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 1991, SSI agreed to return the Hohokam
human remains to their laboratory in Phoenix as soon
as possible and not to engage in any additional
scientific analysis until a meeting could be called and
an agreement reached on the most appropriate
disposition of the human remains; and

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WHEREAS, a meeting was held on June 14, 1991 between the four south-central Arizona Indian Tribes and representatives from ADOT and SSI at which the Nation presented a letter stating its demand that the sacred Hohokam remains, artifacts and funerary objects be returned together and not separately as offered by ADOT and SSI; and

WHEREAS, at the June 14 meeting the tribes stated that it was spiritually and religiously inappropriate to perform the reburial of the human remains without also including the artifacts and funerary objects and any attempt at a piecemeal solution would be incomplete and would not comply with the spiritual requirements; and

WHEREAS, the essence of the State statute is to place respect for human remains as the highest priority and returning the remains, artifacts, and funerary objects for a proper burial to maintain their dignity and resecure their spiritual peace; and

WHEREAS, in the June 13 letter from the Nation and at the meeting of June 14, the Cultural Preservation Committee, based on advice from the medicine woman, stated that the timeframe when the inventory of the remains would commence July 1, 1991 with the projected completion and pickup date of July 12, 1991; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Nation maintains and reaffirms its
5 demand for the return of the sacred Hohokam human
6 remains, artifacts, and funerary objects within the
7 time frame as previously stated.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that (1) the Tohono O'odham
9 Legislative Council does hereby demand the return of
10 the sacred Hohokam human remains, artifacts, and
11 funerary objects discovered and excavated as a result
12 of the Pueblo Grande-Hohokam Expressway project in
13 metropolitan Phoenix and that the Nation will begin the
14 inventory of the remains, artifacts, and objects on
15 July 1, 1991 with a projected completion date of July
16 12, 1991; and (2) the Chairman of the Cultural
17 Preservation Committee and the Chairman of the Nation
18 are authorized and directed to transmit the letter to
19 the Arizona State Museum in the form attached hereto.

20 The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Council
21 on the 20th. day of June, 1991 at a meeting at which a quorum was
22 present with a vote of 1,618.0 for; -0- against; -0- not voting;
23 106.0 [6] absent, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council
24 by Section 1 (c) (8) of Article VI of the Constitution of the
25 Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on
26 January 18, 1986, and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant
27 Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant
28 to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Mary Ann Antone
Mary Ann Antone, Legislative Chairwoman

24th day of June, 1991.

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ATTEST:

Teresa M. Choyguha
Teresa M. Choyguha, Legislative Secretary

24th day of June, 1991.

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the
Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 25th day of
June, 1991, at 8:13 o'clock, .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
Mary Ann Antone, Legislative Chairwoman

[] APPROVED) on the 25th day of June, 1991,
[] DISAPPROVED) at 3:18 o'clock, P.M.

Josiah Moore
JOSIAH MOORE, Chairman
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 26th day of
June, 1991, at 8:23 o'clock, A.M.

Teresa M. Choyguha
Teresa M. Choyguha
Legislative Secretary

MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN JOANNE PRESTONSUBJECT: DEMANDING RETURN OF HUMAN REMAINS, ARTIFACTS,SECOND: COUNCILMAN WILLARD ANITA& FUNERARY OBJECTS EXCAVATED AS RESULT OF PUEBLO GRANDEDATE: JUNE 20, 1991HOHOKAM EXPRESSWAY PROJ. IN METRO. PHOENIX

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			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 ()	62.5	X			X
PISINEMO 119.0	1. Johnson Jose ()	59.5	X			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 Koffman)	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			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	1,724.0	-0-	-0-	06

**PASSED VOTES