

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Appropriation for Vigida Delegation and other Officials
to travel to Mexico City)

RES. NO. 91-320

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2 WHEREAS, the officials of the traditional O'Odham Vigida Ceremony
3 are in opposition of a proposal by the Mexican National
4 Institute of Anthropology and History to establish an
5 archeological zone in the Quitovac area which encompasses
6 the sacred ceremonial site of the Vigida which if approved
7 would jeopardize the continuation of one of the most
8 sacred ceremonies of the Nation and enable further
9 archaeologic, environmental, economic and political
10 exploitation of the area by the non-O'odham; and

11 WHEREAS, the officials of the Vigida are primarily residents of
12 the Gu Vo District and have sought and received
13 resolutions of support from the Al Ce:k Community, and
14 the Gu Vo District, respectively, and;

15 WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council is empowered by
16 the Tohono O'odham Nation's Constitution "to preserve and
17 cultivate native arts, crafts, and traditions" of the
18 O'Odham, further, the Legislative Council in recognizing
19 that Vigida ceremony has great cultural, ancestral, and
20 religious significance for the O'Odham's survival as a
21 people as well as that of the non-O'odham throughout the
22 world, did enact Resolution No. 91-203 supporting and
23 endorsing the request of the Vigida officials in having
24 direct communication with the President of Mexico, Carlos
25 Salinas de Gortari, to express their concerns to preserve
26 the Vigida ceremonial site; to gain the Mexican
27 government's assurance that the site will remain
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accessible to the O'Odham in perpetuity; that the Mexican government and its appropriate agencies assist in seeking the return of any and all human and mammal remains, artifacts, and other material having significance to the sacred site that have been taken from the Quitovac area; and that the Mexican government notify the Border Patrol/Immigration and other law enforcement agencies to allow crossing by the ceremony participants free from any sort of harassment; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Council further authorized the officials of the Nation and officials of the Vigida, namely, ANGELO MATTIA, FLOYD FLORES, and ANTHONY FLORES; to travel to Mexico to communicate directly with the President of Mexico, Carlos Salinas de Gortari, subject to an approved budget by the Legislative Council; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Office has prepared the attached budget outlining all costs associated with the Delegation's travel and have submitted it for review by the Budget and Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Budget and Finance Committee recommends approval of appropriating funds for said budget from the Nation's budget reserve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Legislative Council does hereby approve and appropriate travel funds not to exceed the amount identified in the attached budget for the officials of the Nation and officials of the Vigida to travel to Mexico City, Republic of Mexico.

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The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Council on the 11th day of July, 1991 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 1,602.0 for; -0- against; 122.0 not voting; 02 absent, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Section 1 (b), (c) (8) & (d) (2) 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
Mary Ann Antone, Legislative Chairperson
12th day of July, 1991.

ATTEST:

Arcinda Allen for:
Teresa M. Choyguha, Legislative Secretary
12th day of July, 1991.

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 12th day of July, 1991, at 1:23 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
Mary Ann Antone, Legislative Chairperson

[] APPROVED) on the 15th day of July, 1991
[] DISAPPROVED) at 8:55 o'clock, A.M.

Josiah Moore
Josiah Moore, Chairman
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Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 15th day of
July, 19 91, at 9:20 o'clock, A.M.



Teresa M. Choyguba
Legislative Secretary

MOVED: COUNCILMAN JOHN RENOSUBJECT: APPROPRIATION FOR VIGIDA DELEGATION ANDSECOND: COUNCILMAN JOSEPH JOAQUINOTHER OFFICIALS TO TRAVEL TO MEXICO CITYDATE: JULY 11, 1991

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			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			
PISINEMO 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			X
	2. Willard Juan, Sr. (Delbert Thomas)	79.0	X			
TOTAL		1,724.0	1,602.0	-0-	122.0	02

**PASSED VOTES