

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Participation in the Management of the Pinacate
- Gran Desierto Biosphere Reserve)**

RESOLUTION NO. 93-190

**WHEREAS, the O'odham have been present in the Pinacate and Gran
Desierto region of Sonora Mexico since time immemorial; and**

**WHEREAS, the O'odham have engaged in traditional economic activities in
the Pinacate and Gran Desierto area for thousands of years; and**

**WHEREAS, the O'odham have many sacred sites and ceremonial grounds
throughout the Pinacate and Gran Desierto region; and**

**WHEREAS, the Pinacate and Gran Desierto region are part of historic
Papagueria; and**

**WHEREAS, the O'odham from all regions of historic Papagueria engaged in
sacred salt pilgrimages that went through and near the Pinacate
area and some of them went to sacred salt deposits along the
coastal region of the Gran Desierto; and**

**WHEREAS, traditional O'odham uses of the Pinacate and Gran Desierto
Region resulted in environmental balance and preservation; and**

**WHEREAS, under Article XVI, Section 9 of the Constitution of the Tohono
O'odham Nation, it is mandated that the Nation attempt to
restore the lands of historic Papagueria; and**

**WHEREAS, under Article XVIII, Sections 1 and 2 of the Constitution of the
Tohono O'odham Nation it is mandated that the Nation preserve**

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sacred sites and cultural values and fulfill its responsibilities as trustee of the environment for succeeding generations; and

WHEREAS, there are currently economic and recreational activities in the Pinacate and Gran Desierto region which desecrate or otherwise threaten O'odham sacred sites or cultural activity areas; and

WHEREAS, the Pinacate and Gran Desierto region has been targeted for inclusion as a biosphere under the United Nations' Man and the Biosphere Program; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations' Man and the Biosphere Program was designed to include the active participation of indigenous people in the management and preservation of international Biosphere reserves.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1. The Tohono O'odham Nation will actively participate in the creation and management of the Pinacate - Gran Desierto Biosphere Reserve;**
- 2. That there be an appropriate number of O'odham with voting rights on the Biosphere Management Committee;**
- 3. That the preservation of O'odham sacred sites and cultural activity areas be a requirement in all biosphere management decisions;**

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4. That the O'odham be granted unlimited access and unrestricted use of their sacred sites;
5. That O'odham should be responsible for the security of the Biosphere in order to insure proper protection and respect for O'odham sacred sites; and
6. That O'odham should be granted a preference in terms of employment or any other economic benefit which might result from the creation and management of the Pinacate-Gran Desierto Biosphere Reserve.
7. That nothing contained in this resolution or in the Nation's participation in the creation and management of the Pinacate - Gran Desierto Biosphere Reserve should be construed as any kind of relinquishment or abrogation of any and all land claims that the O'odham in Mexico currently have or may have in the future.

The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'Odham Legislative Council on the 8TH. day of JUNE, 1993 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 1,695.0 FOR; -0- AGAINST; 68.0 NOT VOTING; and 06 ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Section 1(c)(8) of Article VI, Section 9 of Article XVI, and Sections 1 & 2 of Article XVIII 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).

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TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Alex J. Ramon
Alex J. Ramon, Legislative Chairman

9th day of June, 1993

ATTEST:

Teresa M. Choyguha
Teresa M. Choyguha, Legislative Secretary

9th day of June, 1993.

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'Odham Nation on the 9th day of June, 1993 at 4:07 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

Alex J. Ramon
Alex J. Ramon, Legislative Chairman

APPROVED on the 10th day of June, 1993

DISAPPROVED) at 10:05 o'clock, A.M.

Sylvester Listo
SYLVESTER LISTO, Chairman
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

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Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 10th day of June,
1993, at 10:12 o'clock, A.M.

Guacinda Allen Jor:
Teresa M. Choyguha, Legislative Secretary

MOVED: COUNCILMAN JOHN RENOSUBJECT: PARTICIPATION IN THE MANAGEMENT OFSECOND: COUNCILMAN JOHNSON JOSETHE PINACATE - GRAN DESIERTO BIOSPHEREDATE: JUNE 08, 1993RESERVE

DISTRICTS	REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF OIDAK 151.0	1. Willard Juan, Sr. (Delbert Thomas)	75.5	X			
	2. Mary Ann Antone (Nellie Miguel)	75.5	X			X
SELLS 290.0	1. Andrew Patricio (Lucille Encinas)	145.0	X			X
	2. Joseph T. Joaquin (Allen W. Garcia, Jr.)	145.0	X			
SCHUK TOAK 113.0	1. Frances Francisco ()	56.5	X			
	2. Kenneth J. Antone ()	56.5	X			
SAN XAVIER 135.0	1. Eugene Enis (Michael R. Rios)	67.5	X			X
	2. Dennis Ramon ()	67.5	X			
BABOQUIVARI 230.0	1. Frances Miguel ()	115.0	X			
	2. Earl A. Francisco (Lucilda Norris)	115.0	X			
GU ACHI 180.0	1. Willard Anita ()	90.0	X			X
	2. Alex J. Ramon (Marian Johnson)	90.0	X			
PISINEMO 128.0	1. Chester Antone (Fernando Valentine)	64.0	X			
	2. Johnson Jose (Roseleen Antone)	64.0	X			
SAN LUCY 98.0	1. John Reno ()	49.0	X			
	2. Albert Manuel, Jr. (Ernestine Marquez)	49.0	X			
GU VO 124.0	1. Emilio Lewis (Anthony Flores)	62.0	X			
	2. Michael Flores (Fern Salcido)	62.0	X			X
HICKIWAN 136.0	1. Manuel Osequeda, Jr. ()	68.0	X			
	2. Lloyd Francisco (Henry A. Ramon)	68.0			X	
CHUKUT KUK 178.0	1. Alberta M. Lopez (Berdella Jose)	89.0	X			
	2. Kenneth Williams ()	89.0	X			X
TOTAL		1,763.0	1,695.0	-0-	68.0	06

**PASSED VOTES