

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Support for Position Paper on the National Welfare
Reform Act)**

RESOLUTION NO. 94-176

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3 **WHEREAS, adverting to the memorandum from the White House**
4 **regarding government relations with Native American**
5 **Tribal Governments, dated April 29, 1994, the main issue**
6 **addressed in said memorandum is that each executive**
7 **department and agency shall consult to the greatest**
8 **extent practicable and to the extent permitted by law,**
9 **with tribal governments prior to taking actions that**
10 **affect federally recognized tribal governments, where all**
11 **such consultations are to be open and candid so that all**
12 **interested parties may evaluate for themselves the**
13 **potential impact of relevant proposals; and**

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17 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'Odham Nation have received and reviewed**
18 **the President's current Welfare Reform Proposal; and**

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20 **WHEREAS, there was no input or consultation by and with the**
21 **Tohono O'Odham Nation in designing and**
22 **implementation of such proposed changes to the**
23 **current welfare system; and**

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25 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'Odham Nation firmly believes current**
26 **welfare proposals could exacerbate problems on the**
27 **already socially and economically depressed Tohono**
28 **O'Odham Nation.**

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that President Clinton and Congress clarify potential impacts of reform on the Tohono O'Odham Nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following immediate actions should occur:

- 1. Funding for child care must come directly to the Nation to administer their own child care programs for JOBS and social welfare. Rigorous development is urged for a new direct allocation formula to take into consideration existing matching requirements allowing the Tohono O'Odham to receive funds directly from the federal government;**
- 2. Actively improve economic development initiatives for the Tohono O'Odham Nation. Additional funding for development projects must be built into the tribal JOBS Program or to link these programs to other sources of development funding in creating more private sector employment opportunities;**
- 3. Funding must be made available for demonstration projects to ascertain those development initiatives most successful in meeting the needs of the economically disadvantaged O'Odham community;**
- 4. Provide direct funding to the Tohono O'Odham Nation's tribal JOBS Program on a special national set-aside basis, rather than taking the funds out of state allotments;**
- 5. The Tohono O'Odham Nation's tribal JOBS Program must be provided the same effective level of resources per capita available for all other JOBS participants;**

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6. **The Tohono O'Odham Nation must be permitted the same waiver authority allowed the state if they do not wish to participate in specific programs. The Tohono O'Odham Nation must be provided the option of choosing programs or developing their own in lieu of being coerced into accepting those not in their best interest;**
7. **The Tohono O'Odham Nation should be allowed to use carry-over monies for supporting JOBS activities into the next year. Greater flexibility is imperative in using funds for tribally-administered projects for increasing self-sufficiency of the Tohono O'Odham on AFDC;**
8. **Additional funding for strong adult basic education programs must be allocated. There is an urgent need for monies to strengthen remedial education, pre-GED and GED programs;**
9. **Further funding mechanisms must be developed for child care enforcement. This would include monies for more extensive training of workers handling these cases.**

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Tohono O'Odham Legislative Council that it does hereby approve and support the position paper and that it be forwarded to President Clinton, Senator Moynihan, Senator Inouye, Congressman Rostenkowski and Assistant Secretary Mary Jo Bain Health and Human Services

The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'Odham Legislative Council on the 23RD. day of MAY, 1994 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 1,763.0 FOR; -0-

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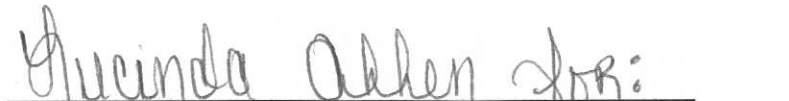
AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and 08 ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Section 1(f) of Article VI of the Constitution of the Tohono O'Odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'Odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL


For. **Alex J. Ramon, Legislative Chairman**

24 day of May, 1994

ATTEST:


For. **Teresa M. Choyguha, Legislative Secretary**

24th day of May, 1994.

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'Odham Nation on the 24 day of May, 1994 at 3:22 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.

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For. **Alex J. Ramon, Legislative Chairman**

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APPROVED on the 24th day of May, 1994

DISAPPROVED at 3:31 o'clock, P.M.

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SYLVESTER LISTO, Chairman
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 24th **day of**
May, 1994, **at** 3:45 **o'clock,** P.M.

Yucinda Allen for:
Teresa M. Choyguha, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: SUPPORT FOR POSITION PAPER ON THE NATIONAL WELFARE REFORM ACT

MOVED: COUNCILMAN WILLARD ANITA

SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN FRANCES FRANCISCO

DATE: MAY 23, 1994

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE 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 M. PATRICIO (Lucille Encinas)	145.0	X			
	2. JOSEPH T. JOAQUIN (Allen W. Garcia, Jr.)	145.0	X			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, SR. ()	67.5	X			X
	2. DENNIS RAMON ()	67.5	X			
BABOQUIVARI 230.0	1. FRANCES MIGUEL ()	115.0	X			X
	2. EARL A. FRANCISCO ()	115.0	X			
GU ACHI 180.0	1. WILLARD ANITA ()	90.0	X			
	2. ALEX J. RAMON (Marian Johnson)	90.0	X			X
PISINEMO 128.0	1. CHESTER ANTONE (Fernando Valentine)	64.0	X			
	2. JOHNSON M. JOSE (Roseleen Antone)	64.0	X			
SAN LUCY 98.0	1. JOHN RENO ()	49.0	X			X
	2. ALBERT MANUEL, JR. (Ernestine Marquez)	49.0	X			
GU VO 124.0	1. EMILIO LEWIS ()	62.0	X			
	2. MICHAEL FLORES (Fern Salcido)	62.0	X			X
HICKIWAN 136.0	1. MANUEL OSEQUEDA, JR. ()	68.0	X			X
	2. LLOYD FRANCISCO ()	68.0	X			
CHUKUT KUK 178.0	1. ALBERTA M. LOPEZ (Berdella Jose)	89.0	X			
	2. KENNETH WILLIAMS ()	89.0	X			
TOTAL		1,763.0	1,763.0	-0-	-0-	08

**PASSED VOTES