

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
(Recognition of the O'odham in Mexico Communities and Traditional  
Government)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 95-562**

**WHEREAS, The Tohono O'odham Tribe has occupied lands from Onk Akimel  
(Salt River) to Ge Pisin (Hermosillo) and from Kawk Su:d (San  
Pedro River) to Ge Ka:ck (Gulf of California) since time  
immemorial; and**

**WHEREAS, from the time of European Arrival to today these lands remain with  
the O'odham people who have resisted assimilation for over 500  
years; and**

**WHEREAS, regardless of the artificial barrier made by the United States of  
America (USA) and the United States of Mexico, the O'odham are  
one people through blood, language, culture, and tradition; and**

**WHEREAS, as it was the will of the elders expressed in meetings in the 1970's  
that solutions be sought for O'odham in Mexico to be legally  
recognized by the Governments of the USA and Mexico that we are  
from time immemorial one people; and**

**WHEREAS, Papago Council Resolution #43-79 (exhibit A) states [in lines 1-5]:  
"the lands traditionally constituting the patrimony of the Papago  
Indian People, known as the Papaguera, were by the Treaty of**

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Guadalupe Hidalgo and the Gadsden Purchase bisected by the international border separating the United States from Mexico; and

**WHEREAS,** [in lines 6-9] such actions dividing historical Papaguera into two areas under separate flags and allegiances were accomplished without consultation with or consent of the indigenous Papago population; and

**WHEREAS,** [in lines 10-14] such division necessitated the creation of two separate tribes under independent governments, i.e., the Papago Tribe of Arizona and the Papago Tribe of Mexico now established under the separate government in the State of Sonora; and

**WHEREAS,** [in lines 14-17] ...recognize[d] the Papago Tribe of Mexico and its government, and that the officials of both governments meet as necessary on issues of common concern to both tribes; and

**WHEREAS,** recognizing the first step for unity needs to be the Tohono O'odham Nation's recognition of the O'odham of Mexico's traditional governmental structure, the Traditional O'odham Leaders (T.O.L.) and their representatives (exhibit B), and recognizing that the second

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step will be the inclusion of these people as a 12th District of the Tohono O'odham Nation; and

**WHEREAS, O'odham in Mexico live in the I) Legally Titled Communities of Pozo Verde, San Francisquito (and annex Carrizalito), Sonoyta, Quito Vac (and annex Chujubabi), Las Norias (and annex Santa Elena), Pozo Prieto (and annex Calenturas) and other II) O'odham Communities held by Possession: El Bajio, Cumalito, Cubabie, Mochomera, Rancho Espuma, Rancho San Pedro; and**

**WHEREAS, III) O'odham Live in the Communities of: Caborca, Pitiquito, Puerto Penasco, Magdalena, Hermosillo, and Sasabe, and IV) O'odham hold in their memory many other villages, ranches and sacred sites considered within the O'odham Patrimony (partial listing in (exhibit C); and**

**WHEREAS, All O'odham people have a right to share in the traditional knowledge and wisdom of O'odham elders and their families who live in the lands described herein; and**

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**WHEREAS, the O'odham people, regardless of where they live, have guarded and struggled to preserve the integrity and character of O'odham as one people and so desire to support the aspirations of the Traditional O'odham Leaders through their recognition as legitimate representatives of the communities where Traditional O'odham Leaders reside and as legitimate representatives concerned for the patrimony of O'odham Lands.**

**WHEREAS, O'odham Unity is crucial for the present and future generations of all O'odham.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Council of the Tohono O'odham Nation hereby starts the process of undertaking the will of its people by officially and formally recognizing the Traditional O'odham Leaders' (TOL) Traditional form of governmental structure and its notes on traditional government as binding (Exhibit D).**

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The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'Odham Council on the 05TH day of DECEMBER, 1995 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 910.5 FOR; 808.5 AGAINST; 157.0 NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Section 3 of Article II and Article VI Section 1(b) 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**

  
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**Dennis Ramon, Legislative Chairman**

13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1995

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Frances Antone, Legislative Secretary**

15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1995

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'Odham Nation on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1995 at 2:17 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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Dennis Ramon, Legislative Chairman

APPROVED

on the 14 day of December, 19 95

DISAPPROVED

at 9:25 o'clock, A.M.



EDWARD D. MANUEL, Chairman

TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of

December, 19 95, at 11:00 o'clock, A.M.



Frances Antone, Legislative Secretary

**ACTION:** RECOGNITION OF THE O'ODHAM IN MEXICO COMMUNITIES AND TRADITIONAL GOVERNMENT  
**MOVED:** COUNCILWOMAN MARY JANE JUAN-MOORE      **SECOND:** COUNCILMAN DAVID GARCIA  
**DATE:** DECEMBER 05, 1995

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
<b>SIF ODAK</b> 160.0	1. MARY ANN ANTONE (Nellie Miguel)	80.0		X		X
	2. RITA MARTINEZ (Maxine Norris)	80.0		X		
<b>SELLS</b> 314.0	1. JOSEPH T. JOAQUIN (Allen W. Garcia, Jr.)	157.0			X	
	2. LUCILLE ENCINAS (Cynthia Chico)	157.0		X		
<b>SCHUK TOAK</b> 117.0	1. KENNETH J. ANTONE ( )	58.5	X			
	2. MARY JANE JUAN-MOORE ( )	58.5	X			
<b>SAN XAVIER</b> 142.0	1. DENNIS RAMON ( )	71.0	X			
	2. TONY BURRELL ( )	71.0	X			
<b>BABOQUIVARI</b> 257.0	1. EDWARD KISTO ( Idella Stanley)	128.5	X			
	2. FRANCES MIGUEL (Kenneth Chico, Sr.)	128.5		X		
<b>GU ACHI</b> 187.0	1. ALEX J. RAMON (Marian Johnson)	93.5		X		
	2. WILLARD ANITA (Louis Johnson)	93.5		X		
<b>PISINEMO</b> 135.0	1. JOHNSON JOSE (Roscleen Antone)	67.5	X			
	2. BARBARA SALVICIO ( )	67.5	X			
<b>SAN LUCY</b> 105.0	1. ALBERT MANUEL, JR. ( )	52.5		X		
	2. JOHN RENO (Mary Hoffman)	52.5		X		
<b>GU VO</b> 134.0	1. MICHAEL FLORES ( )	67.0	X			
	2. FERN SALCIDO (Larry Montana)	67.0	X			
<b>HICKIWAN</b> 142.0	1. LLOYD FRANCISCO ( )	71.0		X		
	2. ALEX JOSE ( )	71.0	X			
<b>CHUKUT KUK</b> 183.0	1. KENNETH WILLIAMS ( )	91.5	X			
	2. DAVID GARCIA (Marvin Thomas )	91.5	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,876.0</b>	<b>910.5</b>	<b>808.5</b>	<b>157.0</b>	<b>[01]</b>

**\*\*PASSED VOTES**