

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**(Reaffirm support for the establishment of a full strength Indian Health**  
**Service Tucson Area Office and a Center of Excellence)**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 96-580**

**WHEREAS, the United States Congress directed Indian Health Service (IHS) to develop a restructuring plan to improve the health care delivery and administrative support to Indian communities. (House of Representatives Report 103-551); and**

**WHEREAS, the Director of IHS did inform the National Indian Health Design Team (IHDT) in January, 1995, for the purpose of recommending a redesign and implementation plan for IHS and did commit to ensuring Indian involvement in redesigning a new IHS; and**

**WHEREAS, the IHDT recommended the formation of area work groups to ensure Indian community involvement in the redesign and the Tucson Area Tribes and organizations consisting of the Tohono O'odham Nation, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Intertribal Health Care Center and IHS formed the Tucson Area work group; and**

**WHEREAS, the Tucson Area work group submitted a proposed redesign titled "Tucson Area Restructuring Final Report" which recommends the**

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establishment of a full strength Tucson Area Office and a Center of Excellence for Training and Technology for the Tucson area; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council did support the recommendations of the Tucson Area work group through the enactment of Resolution No. 96-202, on May 9, 1996; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Nation has received information that the recommended Center of Excellence for the Tucson area is slated for elimination and the Tucson staff is to be relegated to a team status, subordinate to the Headquarters West Team; and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed actions by IHS would jeopardize the health, safety, and environmental welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. That the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council reaffirms its support of the recommendations of the Tucson Area work group for the establishment of a full strength Area Office and a National Center of Excellence.

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2. That IHS reconsider its proposed action for the Tucson Area and honor the decisions made at the local level as recommended by the process developed by the IHDT.

3. That a delegation from the Tohono O'odham Nation consisting of representatives from the Executive and Legislative Branch meet with the IHS Director immediately, to discuss in detail the basis of the Nation's objection to the proposed action by IHS.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that no consultation was made to the Nation which is in violation of the Government to Government relationship.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that this resolution be referred to the Congressional Delegation and the National Indian Health Board (NIHB).

The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'Odham Council on the 6TH. day of DECEMBER, 1996 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote 1,771.0 FOR; -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and 105.0 [06] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 1 (1) 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).

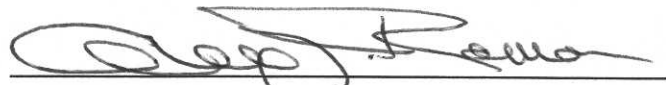
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TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

  
for Dennis Ramon, Legislative Chairman

09<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1996


ATTEST:

  
Frances Antone, Legislative Secretary

9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1996

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'Odham Nation on the 09<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1996 at 4:03 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


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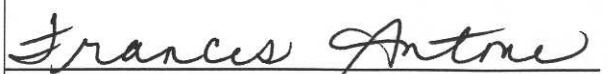
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APPROVED on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1986  
 DISAPPROVED at 5:57 o'clock, P.M.

  
EDWARD D. MANUEL, Chairman  
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of  
December, 1996, at 3:08 o'clock, P.M.

  
Frances Antone, Legislative Secretary

**ACTION:** REAFFIRM SUPPORT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FULL STRENGTH INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE  
TUCSON AREA OFFICE AND A CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

**MOVED:** COUNCILWOMAN FERN SALCIDO

**SECOND:** COUNCILMAN TONY BURRELL

**DATE:** DECEMBER 06, 1996

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			X
	2. LUCILLE ENCINAS (Cynthia Chico)	157.0	X			
<b>SCHUK TOAK</b> 117.0	1. KENNETH J. ANTONE ( )	58.5	X			
	2. JOSEPH JUAN ( )	58.5	X			
<b>SAN XAVIER</b> 142.0	1. DENNIS RAMON ( )	71.0	X			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			X
<b>GU ACHI</b> 187.0	1. WILLARD ANITA (Louis Johnson)	93.5	X			
	2. ALEX J. RAMON (Marian Johnson)	93.5	X			
<b>PISINEMO</b> 135.0	1. JOHNSON JOSE (Roseleen 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. GLORIA MONTANA ( )	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>1,771.0</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>105.0</b> [06]

**\*\*PASSED VOTES**