

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Uphold the original 1968 Service Unit and Area Administrative and
Program Service Agreement)**

RESOLUTION NO. 97-071

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4 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'Odham Nation (formerly the Papago Tribe) in**
5 **1968, at the request of the Division of Indian Health, by**
6 **Resolution (14-68), did enter into agreement with the**
7 **Division of Indian Health, OPSAM, for the integration of the**
8 **Sells Service Unit as a major component of the then newly**
9 **formed Health Programs Systems Center which later came**
10 **to be known as the Office of Health Programs Research and**
11 **Development, a Headquarters Office with an Area function;**
12 **and**

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14 **WHEREAS, the Health Programs Systems Center consisted of the**
15 **Systems Analysis Module (Operation SAM) and the Sells**
16 **Service Unit would not only provide necessary resources for**
17 **the on-going provision of health services to the Papagos, but**
18 **also provide additional resources to the Service Unit to**
19 **assist in the OPSAM Projects; and**

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21 **WHEREAS, the Director of the Health Programs Systems Center would**
22 **have full authority, responsibility and accountability as an**
23 **Area Director; and**

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25 **WHEREAS, the IHS Phoenix Area Director would retain the**
26 **responsibility of assuring that services provided to the**
27 **Papagos are maintained at an acceptable level, including**
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the provision of professional consultative services to the Service Unit as well as administrative support; and

WHEREAS, the Tohono O'Odham Nation did participate meaningfully in efforts to produce more effective and efficient health services for all Indians and Alaska Natives, a notable example being the Community Oriented Primary Care (COPC) model development and use; and

WHEREAS, the evolving nature of health care delivery, and health care organization continues to unfold such that the Indian Health Service with the Indian Health Design Team did propose that the Tribes, urban Indian health organizations and IHS Areas would determine the new configuration of Area support; and

WHEREAS, the Tohono O'Odham Nation by Resolution No. 96-202 did support the Tucson Area redesign proposal for a full strength Tucson Area Office and a Center of Excellence for Training and Technology which would maintain Service Unit and Area levels of support; and

WHEREAS, the IHS Headquarters Phase I redesign announced in the Federal Register: 12/19/96, Volume 61, Number 245, to become effective March 1, 1997 does not take into account the special relationships formed in 1968, nor the Area

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3 redesign proposal, and reduces the total available
4 resources.

5 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'Odham Nation, a
6 sovereign Tribal Government who entered into an
7 agreement with the Federal Government, Indian Health
8 Service, demands the original 1968 Government to
9 Government agreement for the operation and support of
10 health service delivery to the O'Odham be honored.

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12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the IHS shall not further erode Area
13 program and administrative support but restore resources
14 necessary to the operation of Service Unit and Area
15 information systems, and the provision of professional
16 clinical support.

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18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Director, Indian Health Service,
19 respond personally to this resolution and discuss the matter
20 with the appropriate officials of the Tohono O'Odham
21 Nation.

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23 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'Odham Legislative**
24 **Council on the 25TH. day of FEBRUARY, 1997 at a meeting at which a**
25 **quorum was present with a vote of 1,562.0 FOR; -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT**
26 **VOTING; and 314.0 [09] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the**
27 **Council by Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) of the Constitution of the Tohono**
28 **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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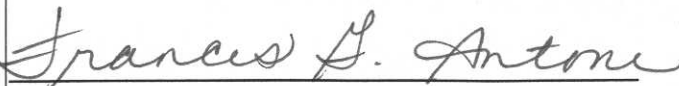
TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL



Dennis Ramon, Legislative Chairman

25th day of February, 1997

ATTEST:



Frances G. Antone, Legislative Secretary

25th day of February, 1997.

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'Odham Nation on the 25th day of February, 1997 at 8:52 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