

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
(Disapproving the Initiative Measure Sponsored by O'odham Voice on  
Use of Gaming Revenues and Setting a Special Election)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-115**

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4 **WHEREAS, on April 3, 1997, pursuant to Section 7(D)(1) of Article XII of**  
5 **the Tohono O'odham Nation Uniform Election Ordinance,**  
6 **Ord. No. 03-86 (the "Election Ordinance"), the Election Board**  
7 **filed with the Office of the Tohono O'odham Legislative**  
8 **Council documents entitled (1) O'odham Use of Gaming**  
9 **Revenues Initiative Petition No. IN-01-97; (2) Certificate of**  
10 **Initiative Petition No. IN-01-97; and (3) O'odham Voice on**  
11 **Use of Gaming Revenues Initiative Measure (the "Initiative");**  
12 **and**

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15 **WHEREAS, the Initiative proposes (1) a per capita distribution of \$2,000**  
16 **for each enrolled member of the Nation (totalling an**  
17 **estimated \$40 million), with additional per capita**  
18 **distributions every two years thereafter; (2) \$30 million to**  
19 **construct and operate five youth centers within the Nation;**  
20 **(3) subsidies of utility bills issued by the Tohono O'odham**  
21 **Utility Authority in an initial amount up to \$1 million,**  
22 **adjusted annually, for elderly and low-income members of**  
23 **the Nation; (4) initial funding of \$1 million, plus unspecified**  
24 **overhead, for a charitable organization to provide services**  
25 **to needy members of the Nation; (5) funding in an**  
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**unspecified amount to establish an Economic Task Force and Economic Development Department to promote economic development within the Nation; and (6) initial funding of \$15 million to provide grants to members of the Nation for business development; and**

**WHEREAS, the Council discussed the Initiative and assessed its implications for the health, safety and welfare of the O'odham; considered the presentation made by two of the three officers of the organization sponsoring the Initiative; and considered the comments of the public expressed at the session; and**

**WHEREAS, the intended source of funding for the Initiative is the Gaming Revenues; and**

**WHEREAS, the Legislative Council has determined that the Initiative violates federal law on per capita distribution of gaming revenues and, if implemented, would place at risk all or a substantial portion of existing and future gaming revenues; and**

**WHEREAS, the Initiative would cause disqualification of members from public assistance programs and impose income tax liability on funds received; and**

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**WHEREAS, the Initiative would deplete the General Gaming Revenues and Savings Accounts which are maintained to assure existing needs and the needs of future generations are met; and**

**WHEREAS, critical needs regarding housing, education and a nursing home facility would be jeopardized by the Initiative; and**

**WHEREAS, the Initiative is not in the best interests of the O'odham people.**

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

- 1. The Tohono O'odham Legislative Council hereby disapproves the Initiative Measure.**
- 2. Pursuant to Section 9(A) of Article XII of the Election Ordinance, the Legislative Council sets June 28, 1997 as the date for a special election on the Initiative Measure.**

**The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'Odham Legislative Council on the 10TH. day of APRIL, 1997 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 1,562.0 FOR; 314.0 AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [03] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article XV 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**



**Dennis Ramon, Legislative Chairman**

14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1997

**ATTEST:**



**Frances G. Antone, Legislative Secretary**

14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1997.

**Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'Odham Nation on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1997 at 4:02 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**



**Dennis Ramon, Legislative Chairman**

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**APPROVED** on the 14 day of April, 1997  
 **DISAPPROVED** at 11:00 o'clock, A.M.

Henry A. Ramos  
**EDWARD D. MANUEL, Chairman**  
**TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION**

**Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of**  
April, 1997, at 1:06 o'clock, P.M.

Frances G. Antone  
**Frances G. Antone, Legislative Secretary**

**ACTION:** DISAPPROVING THE INITIATIVE MEASURE SPONSORED BY O'ODHAM VOICE ON USE OF GAMING REVENUES AND SETTING A SPECIAL ELECTION

**MOVED:** COUNCILMAN JOHN RENO

**SECOND:** COUNCILMAN TONY BURRELL

**DATE:** APRIL 10, 1997

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
<b>SIF OIDAK</b> <b>160.0</b>	1. MARY ANN ANTONE (Nellie Miguel)	80.0	X			
	2. RITA MARTINEZ (Maxine Norris)	80.0	X			
<b>SELLS</b> <b>314.0</b>	1. JOSEPH T. JOAQUIN (Allen W. Garcia, Jr.)	157.0		X		
	2. LUCILLE ENCINAS (Cynthia Chico)	157.0		X		X
<b>SCHUK TOAK</b> <b>117.0</b>	1. KENNETH J. ANTONE ( )	58.5	X			
	2. JOSEPH JUAN ( )	58.5	X			
<b>SAN XAVIER</b> <b>142.0</b>	1. DENNIS RAMON ( )	71.0	X			
	2. TONY BURRELL ( )	71.0	X			
<b>BABOQUIVARI</b> <b>257.0</b>	1. EDWARD KISTO (Idella Stanley)	128.5	X			
	2. FRANCES MIGUEL ( )	128.5	X			
<b>GU ACHI</b> <b>187.0</b>	1. WILLARD ANITA (Louis Johnson)	93.5	X			X
	2. ALEX J. RAMON (Marian Johnson)	93.5	X			
<b>PISINEMO</b> <b>135.0</b>	1. JOHNSON JOSE (Roseleen Antone)	67.5	X			
	2. BARBARA SALVICIO ( )	67.5	X			
<b>SAN LUCY</b> <b>105.0</b>	1. ALBERT MANUEL, JR. ( )	52.5	X			X
	2. JOHN RENO (Mary Hoffman)	52.5	X			
<b>GU VO</b> <b>134.0</b>	1. GLORIA MONTANA ( )	67.0	X			
	2. FERN SALCIDO (Larry Montana)	67.0	X			
<b>HICKIWAN</b> <b>142.0</b>	1. LLOYD FRANCISCO ( )	71.0	X			
	2. ALEX JOSE ( )	71.0	X			
<b>CHUKUT KUK</b> <b>183.0</b>	1. KENNETH WILLIAMS ( )	91.5	X			
	2. DAVID GARCIA (Marvin Thomas)	91.5	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1876.0</b>	<b>1,562.0</b>	<b>314.0</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>[03]</b>

\*\*PASSED VOTES