

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Proposed Tohono O'odham Nation "West Side" Clinic and
Replacement of the Existing Sells PHS Indian Hospital)**

RESOLUTION NO. 97-237

WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Nation has been scheduled for the replacement of the Sells PHS Indian Hospital and provision of a proposed Health Center to be located on the west end of the Tohono O'odham reservation; and

WHEREAS, the need for the replacement of the existing Sells PHS Indian Hospital and the provision of the west end health center has been fully identified and documented for over twenty years; and

WHEREAS, both the replacement of the Sells PHS Indian Hospital and the provision of the west end health center has been identified in the Area Master Health Plan, since the inception of the AMHP; and

WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Nation's Reservation is the second largest land-based reservation in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the great distances involved and the lack of transportation infrastructure, as well as the high rates of unemployment and poverty, create seemingly insurmountable barriers to access of health services for a significant number of Tohono O'odham population; and

WHEREAS, the provision of a health center on the west end of the Tohono O'odham Nation would greatly enhance access to

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health services for a significant portion of the Nation's population, greatly increasing the health services available to that population and significantly improving their health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Health Service, Tucson Area Office, has initiated work on the PJD and POR documents for the provision of a west end health center; and

WHEREAS, the mechanics of funding and building health facilities, on Indian reservations, is an extremely lengthy process, historically consuming 20 plus years, at best; and

WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Nation, by Tohono O'odham Legislative Council Resolution No. 97-063, established health as the number one priority of the Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tohono O'odham Nation does identify the establishment of a health center to be located on the west end of the Tohono O'odham Nation and the replacement of the Sells PHS Indian Hospital a priority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Indian Health Service is directed to complete the PJD and POR analysis and documents, including identification of facilities requirements and design, construction and equipment cost.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council

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authorizes the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation to negotiate with the Indian Health Service for the provision of a health center for the west end of the Tohono O'odham Nation. And replacement of the Sells PHS Indian Hospital.

The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'Odham Legislative Council on the 19TH day of JUNE, 1997 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 1,781.0 FOR; -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and 146.0 [09] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Section 1(c)(2) 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).

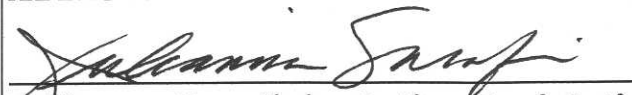
TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL



Dennis Ramon, Legislative Chairman

23rd day of June, 1997

ATTEST:



Julianna Saraficio, Acting Legislative Secretary

23rd day of June, 1997.

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'Odham Nation on the 27th day of June, 1997 at 5:29 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.