

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
(Requesting National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) monitor  
and support the Native American Housing Assistance and  
Self Determination Act, (NAHASDA), Lump Sum and Program  
income Issues and the pending Technical Amendments)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-468**

**WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Nation recognizes that NAHASDA will provide Indian housing assistance in a manner similar to P.L. 93-638, encouraging Self Determination and Self Governance; and**

**WHEREAS, it is the Tohono O'odham's Nation's position that NAHASDA requires our Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) to become more business minded and self reliant; and**

**WHEREAS, lump sum distribution is an essential element of developing and implementing affordable housing along with other associated housing responsibilities; and**

**WHEREAS, lump sum is another mechanism for generating program income to supplement the affordable housing needs of IHPs; and**

**WHEREAS, the final rule for NAHASDA provides flexibility for the Tribes and TDHEs to exercise Self Determination in developing their Indian Housing Plans (IHP); and**

**WHEREAS, the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee, composed of Tribal delegates and HUD officials, developed a Final Rule by consensus and submitted it to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its final approval; and**

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**WHEREAS, some unresolved issues of NAHASDA are pending congressional review as Technical Amendments.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Nation recommends that NCAI provide the necessary legislative support to ensure that OMB approves the NAHASDA Final Rule as submitted by the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Nation herein recommends that NCAI be actively involved to ensure that the Technical Amendments most favorable to Tribes and TDHE's be congressionally approved to address the shortcomings of NAHASDA.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Nation recommends that NCAI work with other national and regional Indian Organizations to continue to advance the housing needs of our people, and to have a more viable presence in its advocacy and stronger communication with its membership.**

**The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Council on the 6TH. day of NOVEMBER, 1997 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 1,927.0 FOR; -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [05] 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).**

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**TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

*Albert Manuel*  
for **Dennis Ramon, Legislative Chairman**

10<sup>th</sup> day of Nov, 1997

**ATTEST:**

*Julianna Saraficio*  
**Julianna Saraficio, Acting Legislative Secretary**

6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1997.

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'Odham Nation on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Nov, 1997 at 4:21 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**

*Albert Manuel*  
for **Dennis Ramon, Legislative Chairman**

**APPROVED**

on the 12 day of November, 1997

**DISAPPROVED**

at 2:50 o'clock, P.M.

*Edward D. Manuel*

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

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Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of

November, 19 97, at 3:20 o'clock, P..M.

Linda L. Myers for  
**Julianna Saraficio, Acting Legislative Secretary**