

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
(NCAI Support of the Development of a National American Veterans Affairs Office)**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 98-450**

**WHEREAS, Veterans of the Tohono O'odham Nation have, over the years, been served by the Veterans Affairs Office based in Tucson, Arizona; and**

**WHEREAS, benefits and services for Tohono O'odham Veterans and their dependents are limited; and**

**WHEREAS, due to limited resources of the Veterans Administration based in Tucson, Arizona, combined with the distances in travel to and from the Tohono O'odham Nation; and**

**WHEREAS, the Veterans Administration provider was only able to be on the Tohono O'odham Nation once a month for a limited number of hours to be available to the Veterans and their dependants; and**

**WHEREAS, logistical problems of distance and travel for the Veterans Administration provider affects the veterans and their dependents where neither the provider nor the potential recipient of services is able to connect to take advantage of services available; and**

**WHEREAS, today, the Veterans Administration can no longer provide a Veterans Administration employee to come to the Tohono O'odham Nation; and**

**WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Nation is supportive of its veterans in their efforts to establish local programs and services to meet the needs of the veterans and their dependents; and**

**WHEREAS, local tribal member veterans continue to develop their own members to serve as volunteers to provide services and information to veterans and their dependents; and**

**WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Nation believes that Nations throughout the United States face the same problems as those of the Tohono O'odham Nation Veterans; and**

**WHEREAS, the Native American Veterans and their dependents are in need of services**

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and benefits due to them for their service to our Country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Nation calls on the National Congress of American Indians to join the Tohono O'odham Nation in support in the development of a National Native American Veterans Affairs Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Nation request that the National Congress of American Indians adopt a Resolution and support the Tohono O'odham Nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Resolution and support will allow all American Indian Nations in advocating the federal government to provide resources and technical assistance.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Resolution and support will assist the American Indian Nations in establishing local tribal Veteran Organizations that will meet the needs of the Veterans and their dependents who reside on the American Indian Nations throughout the United States.

The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Council on the 16th, day of OCTOBER, 1998 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 1,927.0 FOR; -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and (02) ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Section 1(j) 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

16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 19 98

ATTEST:

  
Julianna Saraficio, Acting Legislative Secretary

16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 19 98

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Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'Odham Nation on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 19 98 at 5:13 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**

**APPROVED**

on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 19 98

**DISAPPROVED**

at 5:20 o'clock, P.M.



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

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of

Oct, 19 98, at 5:28 o'clock, P.M.

  
**Julianna Saraficio, Acting Legislative Secretary**

ACTION: NCAI SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONAL AMERICAN VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE

MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN MARY ANN ANTONE

SECOND: COUNCILMAN AMBROSE ENCINAS

DATE: OCTOBER 16, 1998

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
<b>CHUKUT KUK</b> 189.0	1. DAVID GARCIA (Marvin Thomas)	94.5	X			
	2. KENNETH WILLIAMS (Arnold F. Smith Sr.)	94.5	X			
<b>HICKIWAN</b> 146.0	1. ALEX JOSE ( )	73.0	X			X
	2. LLOYD FRANCISCO (Susan Sam)	73.0	X			
<b>GU VO</b> 142.0	1. FERN SALCIDO (Larry Montana)	71.0	X			
	2. GLORIA MONTANA (Phillip Antone)	71.0	X			
<b>SAN LUCY</b> 114.0	1. JOHN RENO (Mary Hoffman)	57.0	X			X
	2. ALBERT MANUEL, JR. (Jana Montana)	57.0	X			
<b>PISINEMO</b> 139.0	1. BARBARA SALVICIO ( )	69.5	X			
	2. JOHNSON JOSE ( )	69.5	X			
<b>GU ACHI</b> 190.0	1. LOUIS JOHNSON ( )	95.0	X			
	2. ALEX J. RAMON ( )	95.0	X			
<b>BABOQUIVARI</b> 258.0	1. FRANCES MIGUEL ( )	129.0	X			
	2. FRANCES G. ANTONE (Edward N. Kisto)	129.0	X			
<b>SAN XAVIER</b> 146.0	1. TONY BURRELL ( )	73.0	X			
	2. DENNIS RAMON ( )	73.0	X			
<b>SCHUK TOAK</b> 120.0	1. JOSEPH JUAN ( )	60.0	X			
	2. AMBROSE ENCINAS ( )	60.0	X			
<b>SELLS</b> 322.0	1. DENNIS E. JOSE ( )	161.0	X			
	2. EVELYN JUAN ( )	161.0	X			
<b>SIF OIDAK</b> 161.0	1. RITA MARTINEZ (Maxine Norris)	80.5				
	2. MARY ANN ANTONE (Darlene Andrew)	80.5				
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,927.0</b>	<b>1,927.0</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>(2)</b>

\*\*PASSED VOTES