

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**(Approval of the Establishment of a Tohono O'odham Nation Veteran's**  
**Affairs Office to assist all Veterans on the Tohono O'odham Nation)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 99-213**

1   **WHEREAS, Veterans of the Tohono O'odham Nation men and women have served in**  
2                   **all branches of the armed forces in peace time and in combat dating back**  
3                   **to World War I, the Persian Gulf War, and the current conflict in Kosovo;**  
4                   **and**

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

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

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

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

15   **WHEREAS, logistical problems of distance and travel for the Veterans Administration**  
16                  **provider affect the veterans and their dependents where neither the**  
17                  **provider nor the potential recipients of services is able to connect to take**  
18                  **advantage of services available; and**

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

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

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1                   **and their dependents; and**

2   **WHEREAS, the Native American Veterans and their dependents are in need of services**  
3                   **and benefits due to them for their service in our Country; and**

4   **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Veterans has developed a proposal and a budget to**  
5                   **establish a Tohono O'odham Nation Veteran's Affairs Office (TONVAO)**  
6                   **that will provide services and provide the Veterans and their dependents**  
7                   **resources and assistance to the service provided by the Veteran's Affairs**  
8                   **Office and other agencies serving the Veteran's and their dependents.**

9   **NOW, THEREFORE , BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council**  
10                   **does support and hereby adopts the establishment of a TONVAO in the**  
11                   **proposal and budget presented.**

12   **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Nation appropriates funds in the amount of**  
13                   **\$117,928.29 as provided in the attached budget and proposal.**

14   **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Branch Annex will be turned over to**  
15                   **Tohono O'odham Veterans for use as the Tohono O'odham Veterans**  
16                   **Affairs Office.**

17   **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the amount of \$117,928.29 shall be appropriated from**  
18                   **the FY 98 savings.**

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20   **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Council on the 06TH day**  
21   **of MAY, 1999 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 1,530.0 FOR;**  
22   **327.5 AGAINST; 69.5 NOT VOTING; and [02] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested**  
23   **in the Council by Section 1(c)(2) & (d)(2), (3) of Article VI of the Constitution of the**  
24   **Tohono O'Odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'Odham Nation on January 18, 1986;**  
25   **and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on**  
26   **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* for  
Dennis Ramon, Legislative Chairman

12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 19 99

**ATTEST:**

*Julianna Saraficio*  
Julianna Saraficio, Acting Legislative Secretary

6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 19 99.

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'Odham Nation on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 19 99 at 2:48 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* for  
Dennis Ramon, Legislative Chairman

APPROVED

on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 19 99

DISAPPROVED

at 5:32 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 14 day of

May, 19 99, at 9:03 o'clock, A.M.

  
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Julianna Saraficio, Acting Legislative Secretary

**ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION VETERAN'S AFFAIRS OFFICE TO ASSIST ALL VETERANS ON THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION**

**MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN FRANCES MIGUEL**

**SECOND: COUNCILMAN LOUIS JOHNSON**

**DATE: MAY 06, 1999**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
<b>CHUKUT KUK</b> <b>189.0</b>	1. DAVID GARCIA (Marvin Thomas)	94.5	X			
	2. KENNETH WILLIAMS (Arnold F. Smith Sr.)	94.5	X			
<b>HICKIWAN</b> <b>146.0</b>	1. ALEX JOSE ( )	73.0	X			
	2. LLOYD FRANCISCO (Susan Sam)	73.0	X			
<b>GU VO</b> <b>142.0</b>	1. FERN SALCIDO (Larry Montana)	71.0	X			
	2. GLORIA MONTANA (Phillip Antone)	71.0	X			
<b>SAN LUCY</b> <b>114.0</b>	1. JOHN RENO (Mary Hoffman)	57.0		X		X
	2. ALBERT MANUEL, JR. (Jana Montana)	57.0		X		
<b>PISINEMO</b> <b>139.0</b>	1. BARBARA SALVICIO ( )	69.5			X	
	2. JOHNSON JOSE ( )	69.5	X			
<b>GU ACHI</b> <b>190.0</b>	1. LOUIS JOHNSON ( )	95.0	X			
	2. ALEX J. RAMON ( )	95.0	X			X
<b>BABOQUIVARI</b> <b>258.0</b>	1. FRANCES MIGUEL ( )	129.0	X			
	2. FRANCES G. ANTONE (Edward N. Kisto)	129.0	X			
<b>SAN XAVIER</b> <b>146.0</b>	1. TONY BURRELL ( )	73.0	X			
	2. DENNIS RAMON ( )	73.0		X		
<b>SCHUK TOAK</b> <b>120.0</b>	1. JOSEPH JUAN ( )	60.0	X			
	2. AMBROSE ENCINAS ( )	60.0		X		
<b>SELLS</b> <b>322.0</b>	1. DENNIS E. JOSE ( )	161.0	X			
	2. EVELYN JUAN ( )	161.0	X			
<b>SIF OIDAK</b> <b>161.0</b>	1. RITA MARTINEZ (Maxine Norris)	80.5	X			
	2. MARY ANN ANTONE (Darlene Andrew)	80.5		X		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,927.0</b>	<b>1,530.0</b>	<b>327.5</b>	<b>69.5</b>	<b>[02]</b>

**\*\*PASSED VOTES**