RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (In Opposition of the Proposed Arizona Initiative "English Language Education For Children In Public Schools")

RESOLUTION NO. <u>99-449</u>

1	WHEREAS,	the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council is vested with the authority and
2		responsibility of supporting and promoting issues and or programs that
3		benefit all Tohono O'odham; and
4	WHEREAS,	the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council, thru the sanctioning of the 1987
5		Tohono O'odham Education Standards, wish to preserve and strengthen the
6		Tohono O'odham Language and Culture by way of sound bilingual bicultural
7		education; and
8	WHEREAS,	the proposed initiative supports a one year English Immersion Program and
9		also requires that academic subjects be taught; presumably such instruction
10		would be in English, which students do not know and is therefore a waste of
11		time, money and effort and dooms the program to failure; and
12	WHEREAS,	the academic subjects are not identified or appropriate curriculum content
13		specified creating insurmountable problems for the classroom teacher,
14		especially if classes are mixed by grade level and or age; moreover, it would be
15		impossible to adequately teach specially mandated programs i.e. Aids
16		Awareness and Gang Awareness; and
17	WHEREAS,	the proposed initiative severely limits parental options: Parents should be
18		able to choose successful options such as two-way bilingual education;
19		eliminating all bilingual education would destroy such proven and tested
20		education methods; and
21	WHEREAS,	only 5% of Arizona's public school enrolled students are in bilingual
22		education or English as a Second Language programs and thus do not
23		represent the reason for generally low academic achievement results for
24		Arizona; and
25	WHEREAS,	the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council encourages all Tohono O'odham who
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1		are of voting age to register and vote against the proposed initiative in year
2		2000; and
3	WHEREAS,	the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council in the past by Resolution No. 95-512
4		(copy attached) opposing HR 123 "English as the Official Language," has and
5		continues to believe that the O'odham Language is an essential element of the
6		lives, culture and identity of the Tohono O'odham.
7	NOW, THERE	FORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council strongly
8		opposes the Arizona Initiative "English Language Education For Children In
9		Public Schools".
10	BE IT FURTH	ER RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council reaffirms support
11		and commitment to Tohono O'odham Bilingual/Bicultural Education as
12	Į į	fundamental to the survival of the Tohono O'odham Nation.
13	The foregoin	g Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Council on the 06^{TH} . day of
14		g at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of <u>1.705.6</u> FOR; <u>-0</u>
15		3.1 NOT VOTING; and 331.8 [08] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the
16		ction 1 (c)(2) of Article VI of the Constitution of the Tohono O'Odham Nation,
17		he Tohono O'Odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting
18		stant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to
19		'the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).
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