

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Urging Congress to Pass the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization With
Provisions that Protect Native American Women and Communities)**

RESOLUTION NO. 12-459

1 **WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council with the**
2 **authority "to promote, protect and provide for public health, peace, morals, education**
3 **and general welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its members. . ." and with the**
4 **authority to "consult with the Congress of the United States and appropriate federal**
5 **agencies regarding federal activities that affect the Tohono O'odham Nation. .**
6 **."(Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(j)); and**

7 **WHEREAS, Congress enacted the Violence Against Women Act on September 13, 1994 and the**
8 **subsequent 2005 reauthorization expired on September 30, 2011; and**

9 **WHEREAS, Native American women are subject to higher rates of domestic violence and sexual**
10 **assault than any other population of women in the United States; and**

11 **WHEREAS, on April 26, 2012, the United States Senate passed S. 1925, the Violence Against Women**
12 **Act Reauthorization of 2012, which included key tribal provisions restoring**
13 **concurrent tribal criminal jurisdiction over all individuals who commit misdemeanor**
14 **domestic and dating violence in Indian Country and other protections for Native**
15 **women and communities; and**

16 **WHEREAS, on May 16, 2012, the United States House of Representatives passed a version of the**
17 **Violence Against Women Act reauthorization, H.R. 4970, which excluded important**
18 **tribal provisions and weakened the overall protections for Native women and**
19 **communities; and**

20 **WHEREAS, the Appropriations Committee and Health and Human Services Committee**
21 **recommend joining other tribal nations in advocating for a version of the Violence**
22 **Against Women Act Reauthorization which includes all the key tribal provisions found**
23 **in S. 1925.**

24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that it strongly**
25 **urges Congress to include all key tribal provisions found in S. 1925 in the final version**
26 **of the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization of 2012 or in any subsequent**
27 **legislation to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act.**

28 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that it urges President**
29 **Barack Obama to sign the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization of 2012 into**
30 **law only if the final version includes the key tribal provisions found in S. 1925.**

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The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 09TH Day of NOVEMBER, 2012 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 2,568.70 FOR; -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and 211.90[07] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 1 (c)(2) and (j) 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

Timothy Joaquin

Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman

13 day of November, 2012

ATTEST:

Evonne Wilson

Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

13 day of November, 2012.

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 13 day of November, 2012 at 8:21 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

Timothy Joaquin

Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman

APPROVED

on the 14 day of November, 2012

DISAPPROVED

at 9:48 o'clock, A.M.

Ned Norris, Jr.

NED NORRIS, JR., CHAIRMAN

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Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 14 day of

November, 2012, at 9:54 o'clock, a.M.


Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

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ACTION: URGING CONGRESS TO PASS THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT REAUTHORIZATION WITH PROVISIONS THAT PROTECT NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN AND COMMUNITIES

MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN SANDRA ORTEGA

SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN OLIVIA VILLEGAS-LISTON

DATE: NOVEMBER 09, 2012

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQIVARI 342.0	1. FRANCES MIGUEL (Roberta Harvey)	171.0	X			
	2. FRANCES G. ANTONE (Vernon Smith)	171.0	X			X
CHUKUT KUK 302.2	1. ETHEL GARCIA (Sara Mae Williams)	151.10	X			
	2. BILLMAN LOPEZ ()	151.10	X			X
GU ACHI 244.9	1. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN ()	122.45	X			
	2. CYNTHIA E. MANUEL (Louis L. Johnson)	122.45	X			
GU VO 226.7	1. GRACE MANUEL (Floyd Flores)	113.35	X			
	2. PAMELA ANGHILL (Roselda Lewis)	113.35	X			
HICKIWAN 186.3	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Michelle Ortega)	93.15	X			X
	2. SANDRA ORTEGA ()	93.15	X			
PISINEMO 200.7	1. CHESTER ANTONE (Tony Murrietta)	100.35	X			
	2. EDWARD MANUEL (Gerald Fayuant)	100.35	X			
SAN LUCY 204.6	1. LORRAINE EILER ()	102.30	X			
	2. JANA MONTANA (Gloria Ramirez)	102.30	X			
SAN XAVIER 215.8	1. HILARION CAMPUS (Racheal Vilson-Stoner)	107.90	X			
	2. OLIVIA VILLEGAS-LISTON (Eugene Enis)	107.90	X			
SCHUK TOAK 169.8	1. FRANCES B. STEPHENS (Anthony J. Rios)	84.90	X			X
	2. FREDERICK JOSE (Phyllis Cachora)	84.90	X			
SELLS 475.7	1. ARTHUR WILSON (<i>Absent</i>) (Kimberly Mull) (<i>Present</i>)	237.85	X			X
	2. EVELYN B. JUAN MANUEL ()	237.85	X			
SIF OIDAK 211.9	1. NICHOLAS JOSE ()	105.95				X
	2. MARY LOPEZ ()	105.95				X
TOTAL		2,780.60	2,568.70	-0-	-0-	211.90 [07]