

RESOLUTION OF THE PAPAGO TRIBAL COUNCIL  
Baboquivari Peak and Mountain

RES. NO. 18-83

1 WHEREAS, immemorial tradition of the Papago people establishes the  
2 Baboquivari Peak and Mountain as the center of mother earth  
3 and the dwelling place of I'ittoi, the creator, and holds that  
4 desecration of the mountain will lead to the destruction and  
5 end of the universe and the Papago people; and

6 WHEREAS, by some historical oversight only the western portion of the  
7 mountain was included into the Papago Reservation, despite  
8 the fact that it has from time immemorial been the central  
9 religious and cultural site of the Papago Nation and the  
10 sacred symbol of its people; and

11 WHEREAS, the Department of Interior has announced plans to withdraw  
12 the lands comprising the eastern slope of the mountain from  
13 wilderness status; and

14 WHEREAS, the Baboquivari District Council has voiced its concern that  
15 such action will result in the desecration of the sacred site,  
16 and has requested that the entire mountain be put under the  
17 protection of the Papago Tribe and be made part of the Papago  
18 Reservation; and

19 WHEREAS, Congress has by the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, Act  
20 of August 11, 1978, established a national policy to protect  
21 and preserve for American Indians access to, and the use and  
22 possession of, sacred and ceremonial sites and objects.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Papago Council that the Papago  
24 Tribe claims all of the lands constituting the Baboquivari  
25 Peak and Mountain as the central sacred and cultural site of  
26 its people and demands the transfer of the lands constituting  
27 its eastern slope to the Papago Reservation.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Papago Council that the Chairman and  
29 other appropriate officers, agents and attorneys of the Papago  
30 Tribe are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps  
31 necessary to have such lands transferred to the Papago Reserva-  
32 tion, whether by congressional action, administrative process,

1 purchase, land exchange or otherwise.  
2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Papago Council seeks the support of the  
3 President, the Arizona Congressional delegation and of all  
4 Indian tribes and organizations to effectuate the purposes  
5 of this Resolution.

6 The foregoing Resolution was duly enacted by the Papago Council on the 11th  
7 day of February, 1983, at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote  
8 of 1148.0 for; 0 against; 0 not voting; and 2 absent,  
9 pursuant to the authority vested in the Papago Council by Section 2 (a), (d)  
10 and (1) of Article V of the Constitution and By-laws of the Papago Tribe of  
11 Arizona as amended, ratified by the Papago Tribe on December 12, 1936, and  
12 approved by the Secretary of the Interior on January 6, 1937, pursuant to  
13 Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984). Said Resolution is  
14 not subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior and is effective as  
15 of the date of its enactment by the Papago Council.

11 THE PAPAGO COUNCIL  
12 *Ernest J. Sherman Jr.*  
13 *Vice-Chairman*  
14 *for* Max H. Norris, Chairman

15 ATTEST:

16 *Rose Johnson*  
17 Rose Johnson, Secretary  
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Moved: HARRIET TORO  
 Second: DELMA GARCIA  
 Date: 2/14/83

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and Mountain  
 Resolution  
 or  
 Ordinance # 18-83

Districts	Representatives	No of Votes	For	Against	Not Voting	Absent
BABOQUIVARI 175	1. Edward N. Kisto (Joann Garcia)	87.5	X			
	2. Kenneth Chico, Sr. (Donald Harvey)	87.5	X			
CHUKUT KUK 117	1. Rosemary Lopez (	58.5	X			
	2. Harriet Toro (Lawrence Jose)	58.5	X			
GU ACHI 123	1. Angelo J. Joaquin, Sr. (Joseph Pete Ramon)	61.5	X			
	2. <del>Cipriano Manuel</del> (Fernando Joaquin)	61.5	X			
GU VO 54	1. Cross Antone (Juan Joe Cipriano)	27.0	X			
	2. Alvin Virgil Lewis (Henry F. Manuel)	27.0	X			
HICKIWAN 79	1. Henry A. Ramon (James Angea)	39.5	X			X
	2. Delma Garcia (Archie Pilone)	39.5	X			
PISINEMO 82	1. Lamando Francisco (Herman Lopez)	41.0	X			
	2. Johnson Jose (Frank Garcia)	41.0	X			
SAN LUCY 44	1. Max P. Jose (Garfield Lenzo)	22.0	X			
	2. Albert Gomez (Jeannie Morris)	22.0	X			
SAN XAVIER 107	1. John B. Narcho (Simon Mamake)	53.5	X			
	2. John Lewis (Carmelita Mattias)	53.5	X			
SCHUK TOAK 83	1. Alex Juan (Francisco Jose, Jr.)	41.5	X			X
	2. Jo Ann Francisco (Priscilla G. Domingo)	41.5	X			
SELLS 168	1. Andrew M. Patricio (Larry Garcia)	84.0	X			
	2. Fred Stevens (Dennis Jose)	84.0	X			
SIF OIDAK 116	1. Elliot Lewis (Eugene Jose)	58.0	X			
	2. Nicklos Jose (Alice Norris)	58.0	X			
TOTALS		1148.0	1148.0	0	0	2