

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
(Supporting Dental Care for Arizona Sunrise Application Proposal)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-551**

1 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council  
2 with the authority "to promote, protect and provide for public health, peace,  
3 morals, education and general welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its  
4 members" and to "consult, negotiate and conclude agreements and contracts on  
5 behalf of the Tohono O'odham Nation with Federal, State and local governments  
6 and other Indian tribes. . ." (Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, Article  
7 VI, Section 1(c)(2) and Section 1(f)); and

8 **WHEREAS,** providing high quality oral health care within Indian Country and the Tohono  
9 O'odham Nation remains a continued need based upon several factors,  
10 including the high prevalence of tooth decay among American Indian/Alaskan  
11 Native children as compared to the general United States population,  
12 insufficient funding for Indian Health Services, and the relative geographic  
13 isolation of many tribal nations; and

14 **WHEREAS,** dental therapists work under collaborative practice agreements with licensed  
15 dentists, which allow dental therapists to provide preventative and routine  
16 restorative care, such as filling cavities, placing temporary crowns, and limited  
17 extractions, under the general oversight of a licensed dentist but outside of a  
18 dentist's physical office; and

19 **WHEREAS,** dental therapists receive rigorous training, at least three academic years of  
20 dental education, including clinical experience, in a select set of commonly  
21 needed routine procedures, approximately 80 billable procedures compared to  
22 the roughly 434 procedures that dentists are able to perform, under the  
23 Commission on Dental Accreditation's ("CODA") national dental therapy  
24 accreditation standards; and

25 **WHEREAS,** in order to be able to practice in Arizona, dental therapists need the State of  
26 Arizona's Dental Practice Act to be amended to allow the licensing of dental  
27 therapists (A.R.S. §32-1202, *et seq.*); and

28 **WHEREAS,** Dental Care for Arizona submitted a sunrise application proposal, which has  
29 requested a favorable review by the committee of reference before a bill is  
30 introduced in the Arizona Legislature, requesting to establish new licensure and  
31 scope of practice for dental therapists; and

32 **WHEREAS,** dental therapists currently practice in 54 countries and territories worldwide  
33 and are currently authorized to practice in Maine, Vermont, and Minnesota and  
34 on tribal lands in Oregon, Washington State, and Alaska; and

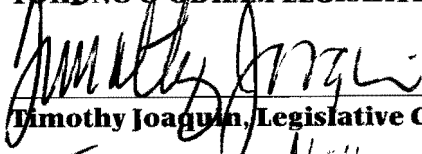
1 WHEREAS, the Health and Human Services Committee has reviewed the proposal and  
2 recognizes the need to expand access to high quality dental care in Arizona,  
3 including preventative and routine restorative care, and recommends  
4 supporting the sunrise application.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council supports  
6 Dental Care for Arizona's sunrise proposal application and legislation to  
7 establish new licensure and scope of practice for dental therapists in Arizona.


8 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council authorizes the Nation's  
9 chairperson or official designee to advocate the Nation's positions expressed in  
10 this resolution to appropriate state officials, agencies and departments, and  
11 other tribal officials.

12 The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 15<sup>TH</sup>  
13 day of NOVEMBER, 2017 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,084.6 FOR;  
14 -0- AGAINST; [01] NOT VOTING; and [05] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council  
15 by Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the  
16 Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant  
17 Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of  
18 June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).

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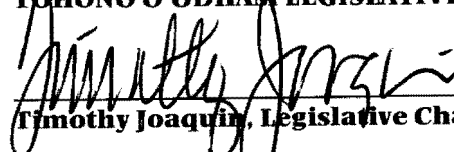
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23 Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman  
24 15 day of NOV, 2017

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30 ATTEST:

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33 Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary  
34 15 day of November, 2017

36 Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono  
37 O'odham Nation on the 15 day of NOV, 2017 at 3:44 o'clock, P .m.,  
38 pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become  
39 effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48  
40 hours of submittal.

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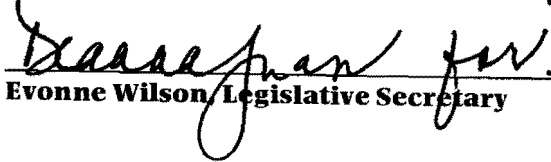
on the 15 day of November, 2017

**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  
November, 2017, at 9:07 o'clock, A.m.

  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

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**ACTION: SUPPORTING DENTAL CARE FOR ARIZONA SUNRISE APPLICATION PROPOSAL**

**Moved: COUNCILWOMAN LORETTA LEWIS**

**SECOND: COUNCILMAN ARTHUR WILSON**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2017**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF OIDAK 235.8	1. MARY LOPEZ ( )	117.9	X			
	2. LUCINDA ALLEN (Yolonda Garcia)	117.9	X			X
SELLS 527.2	1. ARTHUR WILSON ( )	263.6	X			X
	2. ADRIANNE TILLER (Idaleen Reyes)	263.6	X			
SCHUK TOAK 185.7	1. ANTHONY J. FRANCISCO JR. (Teresa F. Donahue)	92.85	X			
	2. QUINTIN C. LOPEZ (Agnes V. Joaquin)	92.85	X			
SAN XAVIER 232.3	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III (Felicia Nunez)	116.15	X			
	2. JANICE FELIX ( )	116.15	X			
SAN LUCY 231.1	1. JANA MONTANA (Diana Manuel)	115.55	X			
	2. GLORIA RAMIREZ (Lorraine Eiler)	115.55	X		X	
PISINEMO 225.9	1. CHESTER ANTONE (Caroline D. Garcia)	112.95	X			
	2. MONICA K. MORGAN ( )	112.95	X			X
HICKIWAN 209.0	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Shirley Molina)	104.5	X			
	2. SANDRA D. ORTEGA ( )	104.5	X			X
GU VO 256.9	1. GRACE MANUEL ( )	128.45	X			
	2. DALLAS LEWIS (Nacho Flores)	128.45	X			X
GU ACHI 270.9	1. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN (Louis L. Johnson)	135.45	X			
	2. LORETTA LEWIS (Victoria Hobbs)	135.45	X			
CHUKUT KUK 337.7	1. BILLMAN LOPEZ (Patricia Vicenti)	168.85	X			
	2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Juanita Homer)	168.85	X			
BABOQUIVARI 372.1	1. FRANCES MIGUEL ( <i>Absent</i> ) (Roberta E. Harvey) ( <i>Present</i> )	186.05	X			
	2. LEANDER MASE ( )	186.05	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,084.6</b>	<b>3,084.6</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>[01]</b>	<b>[05]</b>