

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Urging the Federal Parole Commission to Immediately Grant Leonard Peltier Parole)**

RESOLUTION NO. 09-455

1 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Nation has continuously supported and repeatedly called for the**
2 **release of Leonard Peltier, a Lakota/Chippewa Indian who has been incarcerated for**
3 **33 years despite misconduct by various U.S. officials involved in his trial and**
4 **conviction, including the admitted falsification of critical evidence (Resolution No.**
5 **93-367, Resolution No. 2000-373, Resolution No. 03-411, Resolution No. 07-095); and**

6 **WHEREAS, Mr. Peltier is a father, grandfather, artist, writer, and political prisoner who was**
7 **sentenced in 1977 for alleged involvement in the deaths of two F.B.I. agents during a**
8 **1975 firefight at Jumping Bull Ranch on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota;**
9 **and**

10 **WHEREAS, Mr. Peltier is now 64 years old and has been imprisoned for 33 years, 16 years beyond**
11 **the time when parole is commonly granted for similar crimes under federal parole**
12 **guidelines; and**

13 **WHEREAS, Leonard Peltier is not safe in prison and earlier this year he was severely beaten by**
14 **inmates at the Canaan Federal Penitentiary in Waymart, Pennsylvania; and**

15 **WHEREAS, Mr. Peltier had a parole hearing on July 28, 2009 where he gave the reasons for his**
16 **parole request, and the Federal Parole Commission now has 21 days to render its**
17 **decision; and**

18 **WHEREAS, justice demands that Leonard Peltier be freed and that the Federal Parole**
19 **Commission immediately grant Mr. Peltier parole.**

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that it supports**
21 **Leonard Peltier's July 2009 parole request and urges the Federal Parole Commission**
22 **to immediately release Mr. Peltier on parole.**

23 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 06TH. Day**
24 **of AUGUST, 2009 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 1,278.8 FOR; 912.1**
25 **AGAINST; 404.6 [6] NOT VOTING; and [02] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**
26 **Section 1 (l) of Article VI of the Constitution of the Tohono O'Odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono**
27 **O'Odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary -**
28 **Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48**
29 **Stat. 984).**

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31 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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34 *Felicia Nunley for*
35 **Verlon M. Jose, Legislative Chairman**

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37 *10th* day of *August*, 2009
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ATTEST:

Evonne Wilson
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

10 day of August, 2009.

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'Odham Nation on the 10th day of August, 2009 at 1:02 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

Felicia Munoz for
Verlon M. Jose, Legislative Chairman

APPROVED

on the 12th day of August, 2009

DISAPPROVED

at 8:56 o'clock, A.M.

Ned Norris, Jr.
NED NORRIS, JR., CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 12 day of

August, 2009, at 9:04 o'clock, a.M.

Evonne Wilson
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: URGING THE FEDERAL PAROLE COMMISSION TO IMMEDIATELY GRANT LEONARD PELTIER PAROLE
MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN OLIVIA VILLEGAS-LISTON **SECOND:** COUNCILWOMAN GLORIA RAMIREZ
DATE: AUGUST 06, 2009

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF OIDAK 198.7	1. WAVALENE ROMERO (Nicholas Jose)	99.35	X		X	
	2. MARY LOPEZ ()	99.35	X			
SELLS 449.6	1. KIMBERLY LISTO ()	224.80		X	X	
	2. EVELYN B. JUAN MANUEL ()	224.80		X		
SCHUK TOAK 159.0	1. FRANCES B. CONDE (Fredrick Jose)	79.50	X			
	2. LINDA PARLEY (Agnes Joaquin)	79.50	X			
SAN XAVIER 204.7	1. FELICIA NUÑEZ ()	102.35	X			
	2. OLIVIA VILLEGAS-LISTON (Eugene Enis)	102.35	X			
SAN LUCY 187.1	1. LORRAINE EILER (Charlotte Cadavas)	93.55	X			
	2. GLORIA RAMIREZ ()	93.55	X			
PISINEMO 184.5	1. CHESTER ANTONE (Tony Murrietta)	92.25	X			
	2. EDWARD MANUEL (Gerald Fayuant)	92.25	X			
HICKIWAN 174.5	1. MICHELLE ORTEGA ()	87.25			X	X
	2. SANDRA ORTEGA ()	87.25			X	
GU VO 206.3	1. GRACE MANUEL ()	103.15	X			
	2. PAMELA ANGHILL (Angela Ortiz)	103.15	X			X
GU ACHI 230.1	1. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN ()	115.05			X	
	2. CYNTHIA E. MANUEL ()	115.05			X	
CHUKUT KUK 277.0	1. ETHEL GARCIA (Sara Mae Williams)	138.50		X		
	2. VERLON M. JOSE ()	138.50	X			
BABOQUIVARI 324.0	1. FRANCES MIGUEL (Roberta Harvey)	162.0		X		
	2. FRANCES G. ANTONE ()	162.0		X		
TOTAL		2,595.50	1,278.8	912.1	404.6 [6]	[02]