

RESOLUTION OF THE  
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE  
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in order to express and make known the White Mountain Apache Tribe's position on the Bureau of Indian Affairs fee patent policy which was duly considered and discussed in a Special Council Meeting, December 13, 1955.

WHEREAS, the Fort Apache Indian Reservation is tribal land and there are no allotments, the expressed policy of the Bureau of Indian Affairs on fee patents has no effect on the trust status of tribal land and does not provide for additional Indian allotments in any way and therefore does not adversely affect the lands of the White Mountain Apaches.

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council being in sympathy with fellow Indians on reservations having allotments and who desire to keep their reservation lands intact, and knowing the history of issuance of fee patents in creating landless and homeless Indians.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council opposes in its entirety the Indian Bureau's Fee Patent Policy as expressed in memorandum issued by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on May 16, 1955.

The foregoing Resolution was passed on December 13, 1955 by a vote of 9 for and 0 against, by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe pursuant to authority vested in it by Article VI, Section 1 (a) of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe on August 15, 1938 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on August 26, 1938 pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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