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

- WHEREAS, before the Economic Development Administration started assisting the Tribe, the Fort Apache Indian Reservation was an extremely depressed area, and
- WHEREAS, since 1968, through the funding and lending by Economic Development Administration (EDA), the Tribe has constructed a small log mill, a vast motel-ski run complex, community buildings, a vocational training center and many other necessary worthwhile projects, and
- WHEREAS, by these projects the Tribe is beginning to pull itself up by its own bootstraps, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal representatives have been able to work directly with EDA, avoiding all of the usual Governmental red tape, and
- WHEREAS, this has benefited Tribal leaders in teaching them how to manage their own affairs, and
- WHEREAS, without the assistance of the Indian Development District of Arizona many of the projects would not have become realities, and
- WHEREAS, a great majority of the Indian Tribes throughout the United States have likewise benefited greatly from the EDA, and
- WHEREAS, at least 250 jobs have been generated by the EDA grants and loans, and
- WHEREAS, there are many more programs that could and should be funded under EDA, and
- WHEREAS, the Nixon Administration has called for the demise of EDA and its Economic Indian Planning Program, and
- WHEREAS, the Council genuinely believes that the abolition of EDA-IDDA would be catastrophic to the future progress and financial well-being of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

BE IT ~~RESOLVED~~ that our Congressional Delegation and any other interested persons or Governmental Agencies be advised that the White Mountain Apache Tribe vehemently opposes the abolition of the Economic Development Administration and the Indian Planning Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress be requested to make a study of the tax benefits now received by local, State and Federal Governments as a result of the establishment of the many EDA projects throughout the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding be continued to insure that the EDA can and shall continue to assist Indian Tribes throughout the United States to become self-sufficient.

The foregoing resolution was on February 13, 1974 duly adopted 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 V, Section 1 (a) and (i) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe, June 27, 1958 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1958, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



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