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

- WHEREAS, the U. S. Congress has published in the May 5 Federal Register newly proposed controls on family eligibility for Headstart student enrollment, to be effective June 21, 1976, and
- WHEREAS, these newly proposed controls include lowered income guidelines to be used in determining student eligibility for participation in the Headstart education program, and
- WHEREAS, these controls reportedly do not provide for graduated fee schedules for families over the proposed income levels for Headstart eligibility, and
- WHEREAS, the effects of these proposed controls are to directly exclude numerous Apache children from Headstart education, and
- WHEREAS, the indirect, but crucial effect on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation is to prevent any pre-school education of Apache children because no alternative education is available now or in the near future, and
- WHEREAS, approximately 40-50% of the Whiteriver Headstart students alone would be effected by the newly proposed controls, and
- WHEREAS, the result of these effects shall be to further limit Apache children in their educational development and preparation for advancement in the educational process, in which they are often already inhibited by language and cultural differences, and
- WHEREAS, the limitation of the Headstart program on the reservation is of grave concern to the Tribal Council, which highly values the advancement of the Apache children, and ultimately the advancement of the Tribe.
- BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe strongly opposes the proposed controls on the Headstart program on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, as not being in the best interests of the people.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council therefore respectfully requests that each U. S. Congressman and Senator for the State of Arizona act in the interests of the Apache people by taking all such action as is necessary to prevent the detrimental effects of these proposed controls and their application to the Headstart program on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any congressional communication regarding the purpose and intent of this resolution may be directed through the Chairman of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, Whiteriver, Arizona.

The foregoing resolution was on June 2, 1976 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 (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).

ACTING Chairman of the Tribal Council

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FORT APACHE INDIAN AGENCY WHITERIVER, ARIZ.

Secretary of the Tribal Council