

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

- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe, for many years, has suffered a high rate of unemployment, resulting in much hardship among its people, and
- WHEREAS, there have been many instances of discrimination against Apaches in hiring by employers on and off the reservation; such cases being particularly flagrant on the part of contractors coming on the reservation to do construction projects, and
- WHEREAS, the towns and communities around the boundaries of the reservation have enjoyed a great economic growth in the past twenty-five (25) years as a result of the tourism and recreation attractions of the White Mountains, and especially of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; said towns and communities having filled hundreds of jobs with non-Indians from other areas, while qualified Indian workers have been for the most part ignored, and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Government has the sovereign power to institute ordinances governing labor policy and employment practices on the reservation so as to enforce Indian employment rights; and, further, with the support of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and other Federal Agencies, to assure that qualified Indian workers receive at least equal employment opportunity off the reservation.

BE IT RESOLVED that the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council hereby adopts the official policy of positive action to enforce Indian employment rights to the full extent of the law, both on-reservation and off-reservation.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Chairman is hereby authorized to retain the technical assistance required, in coordination with the Tribal Attorney, to prepare said ordinance and the support plans and guidelines necessary to its enforcement; and that said technical assistance is to be funded from Federal funds presently reserved for such purpose; and provided that said ordinance, plans, and guidelines are subject to review and action by the Tribal Council upon completion.

The foregoing resolution was on June 1, 1977 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).

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Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council