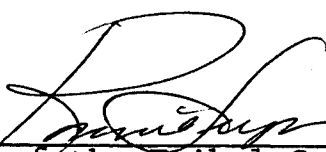
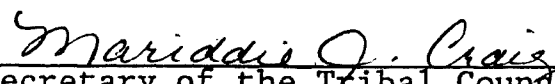


RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has requested a waiver of the Federal Headstart Income Eligibility criteria for the American Indian Headstart on the Apache Indian Reservation, by enactment of Resolution 78-124 of the Tribal Council;
- WHEREAS, the basis for such a request is that the White Mountain Apache Tribe is responsible for providing comprehensive pre-school services to approximately two-hundred (200) children of the Reservation, and it is not the policy of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to discriminate against any segment of its Community population based on an arbitrary standard of income;
- WHEREAS, the federal guidelines for Headstart Programs apparently require that Headstart program enrollment must be limited to population based on poverty income guidelines without consideration for Reservation Indian people, who are most affected by educational and social as well as economic deprivations; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe Tribal Council considers such poverty income guidelines, used as criteria for selection of children to participate in the Tribal Headstart Program as extremely insensitive and arbitrary to the economic problems of Indian Communities; and
- WHEREAS, such federal guidelines are insensitive to the limited amount of the average over-income of such Indian children's families, and inflexible in their concern for problems created by languages and cultural differences; and
- WHEREAS, further more, the Tribe makes substantial contributions in the fulfillment of its commitment to Indian children in the Tribal Headstart Program on the Reservation, in order to attempt to alleviate some of these educational problems.
- BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe reaffirms its request for a waiver of the Federal Headstart Income Eligibility Criteria for the Tribal Headstart Program on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe hereby respectfully requests the attention and action of all members of the Arizona Congressional Delegates to assist the Tribe in this effort to remove the present inequities in the Headstart Federal Guidelines.

The foregoing resolution was on July 13, 1978, duly adopted by a vote of nine (9) for and zero (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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