

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

- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, through its Branch of Education, maintains a boarding school, called Theodore Roosevelt School, at Fort Apache, Arizona on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that it is necessary to the interests of tribal self-government and self-determination that the Tribe ultimately operate its own school at the Theodore Roosevelt School, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council further finds that its tribal members are better served by schooling opportunities established for them on the reservation, rather than those which cause family separation and disruption by off-reservation school placements, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires that all possible on-reservation educational opportunities be provided to members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and that the Tribe is primarily responsible for creating such opportunities encouraging their use, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is advised and aware that many, if not most, of the students at such school are members of other Indian Tribes, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is concerned that students at the Bureau of Indian Affairs operated school at Fort Apache, who are members of other Indian Tribes, are similarly separated from their families and Tribes, while displacing White Mountain Apache students enrolled in off-reservation Bureau of Indian Affairs schools, and that such practice by the Bureau supports an outdated Bureau policy in treatment of the Indian peoples, and
- WHEREAS, it is currently the responsibility of the Bureau to provide all efforts feasible to encourage and maintain tribal self-sufficiency.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests the immediate attention and assistance of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to the Tribe's ultimate operation of its own school system in the Theodore Roosevelt School at Fort Apache, Arizona on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council further urges the Bureau of Indian Affairs to use all consideration to the Tribe, and to all other Tribes affected, in expeditiously curtailing its practice of placing tribal member students in schools off their respective reservations or away from their respective families and Tribes, instead of encouraging the use of on-reservation schools and the unity of students with their families and Tribes, in furtherance of the foregoing request.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other Indian Tribes, whose tribal members may be placed for schooling at the Theodore Roosevelt Boarding School, currently operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, are hereby respectfully requested to support the purposes and intent of this Council resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Chairman is directed and authorized to contact all persons necessary and proper to carry out this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on March 24, 1980 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

  
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Secretary of the Tribal Council