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

FORT APACHE INDIAN
AGENCY
WHITERIVER, ARIZ.

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is opposed to the Administration's proposed direct Federal block grant program in its present form which does not provide for direct block grants to Indian Tribes, and
- WHEREAS, under the Constitution and laws of the United States, Indian Tribes are recognized as independent of State jurisdiction with many of the attributes of sovereign entities, and
- WHEREAS, the Administration's present block grant proposal infringes upon the sovereignty of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and other Tribes by requiring the Tribes to become simply another interest group petitioning the states for aid, and
- WHEREAS, the only solution consistent with sovereignty is for Congress to modify existing block grant proposals to provide for grants made directly to tribal governments, and
- WHEREAS, Governor Bruce Babbitt of Arizona has voiced his opposition to the Administration's block grant proposal as presently designed which does not include direct block grants to the various Indian Tribes, and
- WHEREAS, Governor Bruce Babbitt has further urged the Arizona Congressional delegation to support direct block grants to the Indian Tribes.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby opposes the Administration's block grant program as presently designed unless it is modified to be consistent with recognized tribal sovereignty so as to provide for direct block grants to the Indian Tribes.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Arizona Congressional Delegation urging them to support direct block grants to the Indian Tribes and to oppose any direct block grant proposed which does not provide for the same.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby expresses its gratitude to Governor Bruce Babbitt for his vigorous support of direct block grants to the various Indian Tribes.

The foregoing resolution was on July 15, 1981 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).


Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council

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