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

- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is responsible for providing comprehensive presschool services to two (200) hundred children on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, and
- WHEREAS, the Head Start federal guidelines now mandate that Head Start program enrollment must be limited to populations based on income poverty guidelines without consideration for reservation Indian people who are most affected by education, social and economic deprivation, and
- WHEREAS, it is not the policy of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to discriminate against any segment of its community population based on arbitrary standard of income, and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council considers the poverty income guidelines used as criteria for selection of children to participate in Tribal Head Start Programs as extremely insensitive and arbitrary to the unique problems of Indian communities.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the White Mountain Apache Tribe requests a wavier of the federal Head Start income eligibility criteria for American Indian Head Start Programs in view of the above mentioned inequities.

The foregoing resolution was on March 3, 1982 duly adopted by a vote of for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section I (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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