

FORT APACHE INDIAN AGENCY VHITERIVER ARIZ

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

- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs is attempting to finance acquisition of new computer equipment by reducing agency and tribal budgets in the Phoenix Area by \$700,000.00; and
- WHEREAS, the Fort Apache Agency has assessed tribal programs more than \$91,000.00 for the ADP system; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe cannot afford to finance the acquisition of equipment for the BIA Automated Data Processing (ADP) system; and
- WHEREAS, the General Accounting Office has recommended that the BIA correct the major deficiencies in its current ADP system and not proceed with spending \$15.5 million to purchase new equipment; and
- WHEREAS, the United States Congress reduced the BIA Fiscal Year 1983 ADP Budget by \$335,000.00 in order to discourage the acquisition of new equipment; and
- WHEREAS, it appears that the BIA is attempting to subvert Congressional intent by financing new equipment out of tribal and agency budgets; and
- WHEREAS, the BIA has failed to work with the tribes to design an ADP system that meets the needs of tribes as well as the BIA; and
- WHEREAS, there will be no apparent benefit to the White Mountain Apache
 Tribe from the acquisition of new computer equipment for the BIA
 ADP system.
- BE IT RESOLVED that the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council protest the acquisition of computer equipment for the BIA ADP system with tribal or agency funds.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council supports the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona taking necessary action to correct this situation, including making a request for a congressional inquiry into the BIA ADP system and the computer equipment acquisition contracts.

The foregoing resolution was on April 7, 1983, 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 (a) of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws 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

ACTING Secretary of the Tribal Council

Resolution No. 83-122