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

- WHEREAS, President Reagan's message on Indian Policy on January 24, 1983 recognized the problems of unemployment and stifled economic development on Indian Reservations, and
- WHEREAS, the unemployment problems on Indian Reservations have been well-documented by Indian Tribes and acknowledged within the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and
- WHEREAS, Public Law 98-8, the Emergency Jobs Bill was enacted to provide a multi-billion dollars supplemental appropriation for the purpose of creating thousands of new job opportunities throughout the United Stated including Indian Reservations in order to put men and women back to productive work, and
- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has received over \$114 million dollars from P.L. 98-8 for various Bureau Programs including the Housing Improvement Program, school construction, and other construction activities including natural resource enhancement, and
- WHEREAS, Assistanct Secretary of the Interior for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Ken Smith in testifying before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on April 12, 1983, said that monies which were appropriated for the Bureau of Indian Affairs through P.L. 98-8 will offset future year budget requests, and
- WHEREAS, it is apparent that the Bureau of Indian Affairs does not view the existing appropriations under P.L. 98-8 as supplemental one-time appropriations.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache
  Tribe that it hereby condemns the actions of the Assistant
  Secretary, Ken Smith, as doing a dereliction of his duties
  as an advocate for Indian Tribes, and, as being a subversion of the intent of the Emergency Jobs Bill in that he is
  using P.L. 98-8 as a mechanism to subsequently reduce
  future appropriation levels to the detriment of Indian
  Tribes throughout the United States.



The foregoing resolution was on May 04, 1983 duly adopted by a vote of 10 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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Secretary of the Tribal Council