

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

WHEREAS, we have been informed that the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of the Assistant Secretary has made a two-million-dollar reduction in the Bureau of Indian Affairs scholarship budget for FY 1984 for the following purposed reason:

"In order to stay within FY 1984 planning allowances for Tribal/Agency programs", and

WHEREAS, this action is contrary to the intent of Congress in appropriating financial assistance for higher education scholarships for eligible Indian students, and

WHEREAS, the above-mentioned two-million-dollar reduction will have a significant impact upon the funding level/allocation for the Fort Apache Agency, White Mountain Apache Tribe, and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has contracted this program in 1982 and this reduction on the part of the Bureau of Indian Affairs is contrary to "Indian Self-Determination" as set forth through enactment of P.L. 93-638, the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it strongly opposes the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of the Assistant Secretary, in his action to reduce the Bureau of Indian Affairs Scholarship Program for FY 1984 in the amount of two million dollars, and urges the Assistant Secretary to restore these funds as authorized by the U. S. Congress, immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it urges the Arizona Congressional Delegation to investigate this action on its behalf, including a request for their support in restoring these funds to the appropriate funding level.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the National Tribal Chairmen's Association and the National Congress of American Indians receive copies of this resolution with a request for their immediate follow-up and appropriate support action.

The foregoing resolution was on June 01, 1983 duly adopted by a vote of 8 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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