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

- WHEREAS, the Land Operations Division of the Bureau of Indian Affairs is heavily subsidized by tribal monies, and
- WHEREAS, one of the traditional functions of the Bureau of Indian Affairs
  Land Operations has been to conserve the land and to assist in the
  irrigation and development of farmlands for the betterment and
  self-sufficiency of the people of the White Mountain Apache Tribe,
  and
- WHEREAS it has come to the attention of the Tribal Council pursuant to a complaint by a tribal member that requests for assistance from Land Operations to clear land for farmland and irrigation purposes, has been refused by the Land Operations Officer, and
- WHEREAS, said tribal member also complained that favortism is shown to some tribal members who do receive assistance from Land Operations for the clearing of farmland while others like themselves are refused such assistance, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is of the opinion that favortism should not be shown when tribal members request such assistance and that the Land Operations Department should assist tribal members equally when request to clear land for farming and irrigation purposes, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concludes that these complaints should be looked into and that the Land Operations Officer should be requested to respond to these complaints and to provide the Tribal Council with reasons why he will not assist tribal members in clearing their lands and why he has assisted some and deny federal assistance to others.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests the Land Operations Department to provide the Tribal Council with a written report for the last year as to the allocation and expenditure of tribal land operations funds, the equipment it has available to it for clearing land and the guidelines pursuant to which the department operates when a tribal member requests assistance to clear land for farming and irrigation purposes.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it requests the Land Operations
  Department to respond to the complaint made before the Tribal Council
  that Land Operations grant; assistance to some tribal members, but
  denies assistance to others arbitrarily.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it requests the Land Operations
  Department to respond in writing to the foregoing requests for information
  and deliver the same to the Office of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman within
  ten days of the receipt of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on June 6, 1984 duly adopted by a vote of

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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

FORT APACHE INDIAN AGENCY WHITERIVER, ARIZ.

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