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

- WHEREAS, The Indian Priority System sets forth budget priorities for program monies allocated for the benefit of the White Mountain Apache Tribe through the For-Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, Monies in excess of 1.2 million dollars designated for FY 84-85 for two construction projects:
 - (1) the road overlay project for the Sunrise Ski Resort; and
 - (2) access roads for the new HUD homes being constructed on the reservation;

have been diverted by the Phoenix Area Office without consultation with the Tribal Council; and

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is advised that the 1.2 million dollars has been diverted to the BIA Central Office in Washington, D.C. for other purposes without consultation with the tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is further advised that Full Time Equivalencies (FTE's) are also being threatened in that three forestry positions (2 Foresters and 1 clerk) may also be eliminated without consultation with the tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the FTE's also come under purview of the Indian Priority System; and
- WHEREAS, the local BIA Agency cannot fulfill its obligation to the tribe if the FTE positions are eliminated and if the diversion of funds for the two construction projects enumerated above continue to be diverted.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby opposes the re-alignment of previously designated construction monies without consultation with the tribe as a violation of Indian Priority System Policies, heretofore known as the Band Analysis.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby opposes the elimination of three FTE's in the Forestry Department as a violation of the Indian Priority System which requires consultation with the Tribal Council prior to their elimination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby directs that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable John Fritz, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, with a request that he restore the 1.2 million dollar construction monies previously designated for construction of a road overlay to the Sunrise Ski Area and for access roads to the new HUD homes being constructed on the reservation; and that the three forestry positions not be eliminated as presently planned for the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

The foregoing resolution was on June 25, 1985, duly adopted by a vote of 7 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 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

Secretary of the Tribal Council

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