

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

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs conducted an investigation of the Tribe's fringe benefit plan paid to employees who worked on the Bonito Creek Road Project; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has determined that approximately \$39,000 in fringe benefits should be paid to the employees of Development Enterprise employed on said project; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe provided through the Tribal Attorney's Office detailed information to the BIA as to each employee, so that the appropriate amounts of fringe benefits could be paid to each employee; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is advised that although the Bureau withheld from payment an amount adequate to pay fringe benefits that said payment has not been processed by the Phoenix Area Office and in fact has not been sent for processing to the Albuquerque Office; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is further advised that the Tribal Attorney's Office has been informed by the Phoenix Area Office that funds apparently cannot be located to pay the fringe benefits and that there may be some budgetary problems in respect to said monies; and

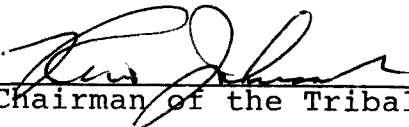
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concludes that the matter has been unduly delayed and should be thoroughly investigated by either the Central Office or the Inspector General's Office.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby demands payments from the Phoenix Area Office for all fringe benefits monies due employees on the Bonito Creek Road Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby requests that Phoenix Area Office Director, Jim Stevens, explain in writing why the funds have not to date been received by the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby requests that the Inspector General investigate the status of these monies and if said monies are not available to determine where the money previously withheld by the Bureau is located.

The foregoing resolution was on January 15, 1987, duly adopted by a vote of TEN for and ZERO 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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