

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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is fully aware that educational needs of Indian Children are not being adequately met due to lack of funding; and
- WHEREAS, the FY 1990 appropriation for element 10 funds has been reduced by nearly \$1.6 million thus necessitating restructuring to absorb the shortfall; and
- WHEREAS, the Office of Indian Education Programs has developed and submitted two options; one of reducing education line offices from the current thirty-three (33) offices to (15) or (16) offices with emphasis placed at local agency level and the other option is regionalization (merging Area Education Offices) into a centralized structure at locations which would be far removed from the local tribal government level; and
- WHEREAS, the regionalization would undermine local decision making authority as intended by recent federal legislation for Indian Education; and
- WHEREAS, the two options are currently being reviewed by the staff of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs with a decision to be rendered in the very near future; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe believes that centralization of education line office functions removed from the local tribal government level is contrary to the intent of Congress and Indian tribes that decision making authority be at the local level; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe sees no benefit to the regionalization concept which seems designed to add managerial and administrative layers in the bureaucracy; which concept has historically proven not satisfactory for tribal governments; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe suggests that the Central Office Bureau of Indian

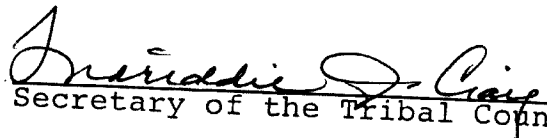
Affairs pursue other avenues to meet the \$1.6 million shortfall.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe hereby opposes any action by the Bureau of Indian Affairs to reduce education funding and specifically opposes any attempt to close local agency education offices and operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that before any final action to reduce education funding or reorganization plans are implemented tribal consultation hearings must be held and tribal input sought and taken into account.

The foregoing resolution was on December 14, 1989, duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN 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 (c) 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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