

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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is well aware of maintenance and safety problems and lack of repairs to reservation schools operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs because BIA Facility Management has not communicated well with BIA Education in meeting the maintenance and safety needs of reservation schools; and
- WHEREAS, P.L. 93-638 Contract and Grant Schools operated by local Boards of Education chartered by the Tribal Council have also experienced undue delay and neglect in school repair and maintenance necessary to maintain health and safety and a minimal learning environment for students, teachers and administrators; and
- WHEREAS, Facility Management operations has not planned or worked with BIA Education to plan budgets in accordance with school needs and BIA Education is not involved with or does not have input in setting Facility Management priorities for the schools; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has information that despite many attempts by BIA Education, the Fort Apache Agency Facility Management Department and Phoenix Area Office Facility Management Department has been less than responsive to BIA Education to meet the needs of the schools on the reservation; and
- WHEREAS, for example, the Cibecue Community School had to expend considerable amounts of money going to Washington, D.C. to meet with members of the Arizona Congressional Delegation and the BIA Central Office in order to compel Facility Management compliance with BIA guidelines for maintenance of the Cibecue School; and
- WHEREAS, Public Law 100-297 which amends 638 Grant procedures gives the BIA up to \$25,000.00 purchase authority for equipment without complying with vendor bidding requirements of the Federal Acquisition Law but that Facility Management Personnel at the local and Phoenix Area Office level apparently have not been trained to implement this provision and instead continue to proceed pursuant to the Federal Acquisition Law which unnecessarily obstructs a quick response to safety and other Facility Management needs of the schools to the detriment of the students and faculty; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concludes that an investigation is warranted at the Secretarial level of the Phoenix Area Office and reservation agency regarding Facility Management responsiveness to BIA Education and that the Acting Chief of Facility Management for the BIA Central Office, Chris Marcie, should be advised of this resolution and ongoing problems with Facility Management which exist at schools administered by the BIA on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests that the Assistant Secretary, Eddie Brown, initiate an investigation of Facility Management at the Phoenix Area Office and at the Fort Apache Agency in respect to their lack of responsiveness, planning, and maintenance of BIA schools administered and funded by the BIA or by Grant and 638 Contracts on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to Chris Marcie, Acting Chief of Facility Management for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, with a request that she investigate the relationship between BIA Education and Facility Management in order to improve communication between the two departments so that adequate planning and input from BIA Education may be included by Facility Management for the ultimate benefit of students and faculties on reservation schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it requests that Phoenix Area Office Facility Management staff and local Facility Management staff receive training in Public Law 100-297 which authorizes purchases up to the amount of \$25,000.00 without competitive bidding from vendors pursuant to the Federal Acquisition Law.

Resolution No. 06-90-111

The foregoing resolution was on June 6, 1990, duly adopted by a vote of nine 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) (u) 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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