

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

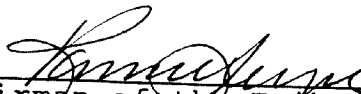
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is advised that the United States Government decided that the Office of Assistant Secretary/Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Indian Affairs should be more formally separated; that the Office of Indian Education Programs (OIEP) be renamed the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) and be elevated to full Bureau status including its own administrative, ADP, and facility services; that non-education functions retained by the BIA be called the Bureau of Indian Affairs, that OIEP headquarters be realigned to further emphasize early childhood education, educational evaluation and research in support of OIEP funded schools and that the BIA common programs services organizations for policies and operations be centralized as an Office of Program Services (OPS) to provide supporting services to OIEP and BIA and to divide resources in an orderly way between the two Bureau's over a 24-month period; and
- WHEREAS, the BIA has advised the Tribe in an executive summary dated September 20, 1990, that the foregoing changes in organizational structure is for the purpose of achieving better managerial performance for Indian Programs; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is of the opinion that the separation proposed between the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs and the day-to-day program management of the Bureau of Indian Affairs will diminish the direct contact that the various tribes have enjoyed with the Assistant Secretary in resolving obstacles and problems within the Bureau of Indian Affairs and that said separation will denigrate and diminish the trust relationship between the Tribe and Assistant Secretary by the creation of new layers of bureaucracy removed from the direct authority of the Assistant Secretary; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe and other Tribes throughout the country have not had adequate opportunity to have input regarding the proposed realignments but have only been briefed by the Bureau of a "fiat accompli" by the Department of Interior; and

WHEREAS, the proposed realignment does not discuss the costs involved to implement the realignment nor the economic effect it will have on aid to Indian Tribes due to the cost of realignment and creation of new bureaucratic layers which may result in less funding and technical support for tribes at the local level.

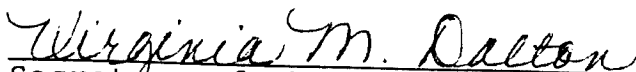
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby rejects and opposes the proposed realignment and separation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Indian Education, and Office of the Assistant Secretary as summarized in the briefing materials presented by the Department of Interior, September 20, 1990, at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that pursuant to a Council meeting held this date with the Superintendent of the Fort Apache Indian Agency who briefed the Tribal Council on the realignment proposal, it is the decision of the Tribal Council to oppose the realignment for the reasons that there is no information about the cost to implement the realignment nor about the impact on technical assistance to tribe's at the local level, particularly in the area of education; and because the creation of additional layers of bureaucracy will further remove the Tribe from a direct trust relationship with the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs.

The foregoing resolution was on October 16, 1990, duly adopted by a vote of SIX 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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