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

- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache contracted Johnson O'Malley Program from BIA in 1977; and
- WHEREAS, since then the White Mountain Apache Tribe through Tribal Education Department and Tribal Indian Education Committee has administered JOM Program in accordance to its intents, policies and regulations; and
- WHEREAS, BIA Task Force has been established to reorganize BIA Organizational structure to promote better efficiency and effective service to Native American Indian populations in all aspects, including education; and
- WHEREAS, BIA Task Force established various guidelines regarding BIA reorganization and is seeking inputs from Indian tribes; and
- WHEREAS, BIA Task Force, in particular, established one guideline regarding JOM Program, which is to move JOM Program to Indian Priority System (IPS) programs; and
- WHEREAS, the guideline regarding JOM Program transferring from a formula-based program (non-banded) to non-formularized programs (banded) rises concerns not only for this tribe but for others, as expressed recently at National Education Association Conference in Omaha, Nebraska on October 26-30, 1991; and
- WHEREAS, such transfer meant abandoning formula funding for JOM Program which Indian tribes fought for and presented it as fair and equitable, to disarray in funding levels for all Indian-services, including JOM Program; and
- WHEREAS, such transfer meant a step backwards in funding mechanism for BIA services, when it should move from non-formularized program (banded) to formularized programs (non-banded).
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe hereby vehemently opposes any transfer of JOM Program to BIA IPS (banded) program for FY 92-93 and thereafter.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that this resolution be submitted to Phoenix Area Task Force member; namely, 1) Nora Garcia and 2) Luke Duncan.

The foregoing resolution was on November 07, 1991, 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) 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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