

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is aware of the United States District Court Proceeding entitled Arizonans For Fair Representation, Inc. v. J. Fife Symington, et al, CIV 92-0256 PHX SMM, involving the establishment of new congressional and state-wide legislative districts that must comply with the requirements of the U.S. Constitution and the Voting Rights Act as amended, 42 U.S.C. §1973 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council has reviewed the current districting plan, the proposed House Plan and Senate Plan for CD6, as well as the compromise plan submitted by attorney Joseph Sparks who represents approximately 5% of the Native Americans in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Tribal Council that the Senate Plan for Congressional District 6 is superior to either the House plan or the Sparks plan because it creates a majority-ethnic minority district with approximately 55.96% democratic registration and would provide Native Americans a greater voice in primary and general elections for candidates of their choice; and

WHEREAS, previous plans have diluted and dispersed Native American votes, especially that of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and the creation of CD6 in accordance with the Senate Plan would give the White Mountain Apache Tribe and other Native Americans a greater voice in the political process; and

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Tribal Council the House Plan superpacks Congressional District No. 2 and based upon registration and voting histories of ethnic minorities, creates a situation in Congressional District No. 6 which would make it difficult for an ethnic minority to win the election, especially when considering increases in the non-Indian, non-ethnic population in the proposed Congressional District 6 area; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council also acknowledges and recognizes that frequently, ethnic minorities have an identity of interest and have traditionally supported democratic candidates, and have supported issues which have across-the-board impact on ethnic minorities in the areas of social welfare, education, job development, housing and health care, as evidenced by cohesive voting between

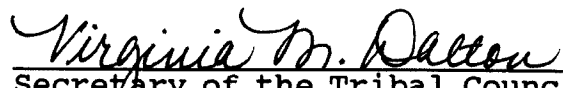
Blacks, Hispanics and Native Americans regarding Proposition 106, the Goddard-Symington Governor election, and the Martin Luther King Holiday issue in which ethnic minorities voted almost unanimously against Proposition 106, in favor of candidate Goddard for Governor, and for establishment of a State Holiday for Martin Luther King.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby endorses and supports the Senate Redistricting Plan for the State of Arizona, with special emphasis on the Senate Plan for Congressional District 6.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby authorizes Tribal Council Chairman, Ronnie Lupe, to continue to represent the interests of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in furtherance of this resolution and ratifies all previous statements and filings by Chairman Ronnie Lupe in support of the Senate Plan.

The foregoing resolution was on April 08, 1992, 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 (i) (t) (u) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws 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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