

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

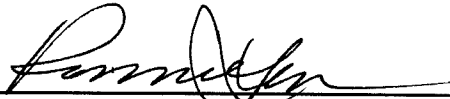
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is the governing body of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Indian Education Committee is the standing committee of the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council vested with the authority and responsibility to oversee the educational development of the White Mountain Apache; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Education Department of the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council has reviewed the status of appropriated Fiscal Year 1992 funding for Bureau of Indian Affairs funded schools, with the Indian Education Committees, BIA local school boards, Indian tribes in the state of Arizona and has adopted the Indian Education funding priorities which included a request for Fiscal Year 1993 supplemental appropriations for the Indian School Equalization Program in the amount of \$25 million; and
- WHEREAS,** inadequate funding as resulted of recently recognized eligibility of "previously private school" students for the Johnson O'Malley Program proved detrimental to Apache youth as well as Indian tribes, including the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council is joining with all the other Arizona Tribes requesting the BIA shortfall be restored to \$25 million; and the Johnson O'Malley Program be increased considerably to serve all eligible students including "previously private school" students; and
- WHEREAS,** the Indian Education Committee and the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council has acknowledged that the projected shortfall for the current academic year may cause the Bureau funded schools on the Fort Apache Reservation to consider certain measures: reduce staff, reduce the number of instructional days on the school(s) calendar, release GSA vehicles, and discontinue or cancel orders for needed supplies and materials. Taking such measures would infringe upon the schools ability to meet NCA accreditation requirements, and the Bureau's Academic and Dormitory Standards (25 CFR Part 36). Consequently, the quality of education for Apache students is in jeopardy.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests the Secretary of the Interior to give immediate attention and to take necessary steps to restore the Indian Education Equalization Program (ISEP) at the base value of \$2,919 per weighted student unit (WSU), in the amount of \$25 million so that adequate funding may be provided for education programs throughout school year 1992-1993.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby joins together with other Arizona Tribes to request the Secretary of the Interior to request of Congress an additional \$25 million to be applied to the Fiscal Year 1994 Budget at a base level of \$3,006 per WSU so that adequate funds are provided under the Indian School Equalization Program (ISEP) for the 1993-1994 academic year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby request the Secretary of the Interior to take necessary steps to ensure adequate funding by requesting and establishing a permanently mandated base level of \$3,498 per WSU, which will serve as the minimum and include a statutorily required annual adjustment for inflation, as recommended by the ISEP blue ribbon panel.

The foregoing resolution was on March 04, 1993, duly adopted by a vote of eight 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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