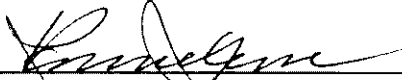


**RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**


- WHEREAS,** the FY1995 Bureau of Indian Affairs ("BIA") budget proposed by the Clinton Administration contains proposals to impose Full Time Equivalent ("FTE") reductions and administrative streamlining on the BIA and to consolidate Department of the Interior personnel functions; and
- WHEREAS,** FTE reductions, administrative streamlining and personnel consolidation as proposed will negatively impact efforts for the White Mountain Apache Tribe and Fort Apache Agency to implement delegation of authority for self-determination contracting; and
- WHEREAS,** FTE reductions, administrative streamlining and personnel consolidation will negatively impact 43 tribal governments in Arizona, Nevada, and Utah, including the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** restructuring of the BIA at the Area and Agency levels should be based upon the needs of tribal governments, as expressed by tribal leaders, and not upon the recommendations of the "National Performance Review", which were never specific to the BIA; and
- WHEREAS,** unilateral efforts by the Clinton Administration to reduce funding and staffing for the BIA Phoenix Area Office and the Agencies in the Phoenix Area are contrary to the cooperative working relationships between tribal governments and the Federal government described by President Clinton in his meeting with tribal leaders on April 29, 1994.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby disapproves of the plans to reduce General Administrative funding for BIA Agencies by six percent (6%), to reduce funding for the Phoenix Area Office and to eliminate two Assistant Area Director positions.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that the Clinton Administration, in planning the FY1996 budget, discontinue efforts to impose budget reductions on the BIA disguised as FTE reductions, administrative streamlining or personnel consolidation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe calls upon the Secretary of the Interior and the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs to support the efforts of tribal governments in the Phoenix Area to improve working relationships with the BIA, to strengthen tribal self-determination contracting and to strengthen trust responsibility programs.

The foregoing resolution was on August 04, 1994, 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 IV, Section 1 (a) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



Chairman of the Tribal Council



Secretary of the Tribal Council