

**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 people; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Education Committee has advised the Tribal Council of a 20% cut in the BIA Education budget for Fiscal Year 1995-1996; and

WHEREAS, the inadequate education funding will be detrimental to Apache youth and seriously affect educational programs such as JOM, Higher Education, Adult Education, Child Find, Adult Vocational Training, Head Start, and other Indian education funding; 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 Bureau funded schools on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation to consider certain measures such as: reduced staff, reduced number of instructional days on the schools' calendar, discontinue or cancel orders for needed supplies and materials, thus lowering the quality of education; and

WHEREAS, the reduction in the budget would infringe upon the schools' ability to meet NCA accreditation requirements and the Bureau's Academic and Dormitory Standards; and, 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 the necessary steps to restore the BIA Education Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby requests the Secretary of the Interior to request Congress to find an additional \$750,000 to restore the BIA Education Budget to ensure adequate funding for Indian educational programs.

The foregoing resolution was on June 09, 1995, 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 IV, Section 1 (a), (c), (i), (s), (t) and (u) 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