

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

WHEREAS, the education system on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation consists of a healthy mix of public, BIA contract, BIA operated and parochial schools; and

WHEREAS, funding for the BIA contract and BIA operated schools provides educational services and instruction to over 600 students; and

WHEREAS, it has been reported to the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that at a minimum the BIA schools will be frozen at their current enrollment and at worst all funding for BIA schools will be eliminated; and

WHEREAS, this move to severely limit or eliminate funding for educational programs will result in the denial of equal educational opportunities to Apache students and will overload other educational institutions that attempt to absorb increased numbers of students without adequate facilities to house these students; and

WHEREAS, the population growth for White Mountain Apaches is averaging 3.3% per year indicating the need for increased funding for education, not less; and

WHEREAS, the cut in BIA education funding is being linked with cuts or elimination of Impact Aid to the public schools serving Indian Reservations.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it go on record strongly urging Congress to reconsider its proposed action to eliminate or reduce funding for BIA schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the Congress maintain the impact aid program for support of Native American students attending public schools on the Indian Reservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the appropriate committees of the Congress and the Arizona congressional delegation.

June 16, 1995 rkb
The foregoing resolution was on July 16, 1995 duly adopted by a vote of 9 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a) and (c) 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).

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Chairman of the Tribal Council

Virginia M. Dalton
Secretary of the Tribal Council