

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

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has met and reviewed the proposed 1996 Federal Budget and its provisions affecting Indian tribes; and

**WHEREAS,** the planned budget allocations do not adequately address the need of Indian tribes; and

**WHEREAS,** proposed reductions in welfare assistance grant monies and contract support funds could jeopardize the ability of Indian tribes to fund and operate programs needed for social and economic security; and

**WHEREAS,** other budgetary and management changes within the Bureau of Indian Affairs would potentially reduce the effectiveness of that agency to serve Indian tribes; and

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Health and Human Services, on behalf of the Indian Health Service is not aggressively seeking needed funding, nor preserving necessary staffing levels.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby opposes any reduction in welfare assistance grant monies or contract support funds to tribal organizations.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it requests an explanation from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Phoenix Area Office, of the methodology of which future welfare assistance grant monies and contract support funds will be distributed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it seeks continued fund of its Bureau of Indian Affairs, Natural Resources Grant at its current level and that it opposes any future reduction of that amount.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it supports the principles of self-determination for Indian tribes and strongly encourages the Secretary of the Interior to increase budgetary requests for tribal priority allocation and contract support funds as an efficient and cost-effective means of expanding tribal self-determination.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it opposes the Bureau of Indian Affairs' plan to shift personnel and positions from the Phoenix Area Office to establish a common support Area Office in Albuquerque, as such positions would be better allocated to the individual agencies where they would best serve the interests of the tribes.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that budgetary decisions and efforts to reorganize the Bureau of Indian Affairs should be done in consultation with the tribes.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Tribal Chairman to advise the appropriate federal agencies by letter of the terms of this resolution, and take any other steps necessary to make known the tribe's position on these matters.

The foregoing resolution was on July 11, 1995, 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), (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).

**ACTING**

  
Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
Secretary of the Tribal Council