

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has always been concerned with the administration of education on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation by the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS, with the Reservation population of approximately 14,000 persons over half of whom are under the age of 17, there is a great need for increased funding and administration of education by the BIA on the Reservation as part of its trust responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is informed that presently there are no plans to continue funding the Fort Apache Agency Office of Indian Education Programs; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Apache Agency Office of Indian Education Programs has suffered from neglect in the past and only appointment of a stand-alone office at the agency level, located on the Reservation, will be sufficient to ensure the Trustee United States' obligations to provide education to White Mountain Apache tribal youth.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs and authorizes the Office of the Tribal Chairman to contact the Director, Office of Indian Education Programs and Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs Ada Deer, to request and insist upon continuation of a stand-alone education office on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation with continuing duties to administer the trustee's obligation to provide education to tribal youth and that funding levels be restored to fulfill this obligation at the agency level.

Resolution No. 01-96-021

The foregoing resolution was on January 23, 1996, 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), (s) (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



Chairman of the Tribal Council

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Secretary of the Tribal Council