

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

- WHEREAS**, on April 11, 1997, the Tribal Council for the White Mountain Apache Tribe was informed about the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) proposed FY 1998 budget, and understands that the budget generally reflects increases over BIA's FY 1997 budget; and
- WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council generally supports the goals of the BIA FY 1998 budget request to the Congress, which emphasizes funding for Tribal Priority Allocations (TPA) programs, school operations, and trust responsibility programs; and
- WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council understands that Tribal Priority Allocations funding provides financial support to the following White Mountain Apache Tribe PL 93-638 contracts: law enforcement, tribal courts, social services, Indian Child Welfare Act, adult vocational training, scholarships, Johnson-O'Malley, adult education, community fire protection, agriculture, wildlife and parks, land operations, real estate services, and hydrologic services; and
- WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council continues to be concerned about diminishing resources of BIA's Fort Apache Agency Office, and has through prior resolution requested that Area Office authority and resources be delegated to the Agency Office in an amount sufficient to carry out BIA's trust responsibilities and delivery of services to the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS**, tribal members and the Tribe rely upon the BIA's Agency Office to ensure responsiveness to tribal needs, and to provide local employment for members of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS**, the BIA provides funding for forestry and natural resources management, but the BIA trust responsibility programs are seriously underfunded; and
- WHEREAS**, the BIA provides funding for three schools on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation -- Cibecue Community School, John F. Kennedy Day School, and the Theodore Roosevelt School; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has unmet BIA funding needs in the areas of Tribal Priority Allocations; TPA non-base programs; facility maintenance and repair, including the Tribe's trust assets at the Fort Apache Historic District; irrigation operation and maintenance; and other programs; and

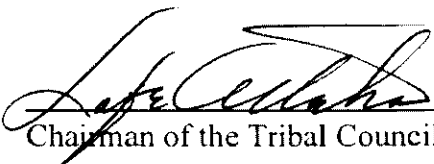
WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs is requesting tribal participation in the budget formulation process for FY 1999, including the Phoenix Area budget meeting on April 16-17, and the National Budget Hearing on April 28-30.


BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby generally supports the goals of the BIA FY 1998 budget request and urges the Congress to provide appropriations at levels at or above those requested by the BIA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe directs that authorities, resources and programs from BIA's Phoenix Area Office be transferred to the Fort Apache Agency Office in an amount sufficient to allow the Agency Office to carry out BIA's trust responsibilities and delivery of services to the Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves sending tribal representatives to the BIA Phoenix Area budget meeting and the Tribal Chairman will appoint representatives to attend the National Budget Hearing for the purpose of recommending that the BIA continue to emphasize funding for Tribal Priority Allocations, trust responsibility programs and school operations in the BIA FY 1999 budget request.

The foregoing resolution was on April 11, 1997 duly adopted by a vote of nine for and zero against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by the White Mountain Apache Tribe Constitution, including Article IV, Section 1 (a), (c) 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).

Acting 
Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council