

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

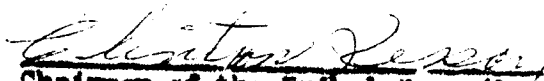
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council recognizes its responsibility of providing adequate irrigation systems whereby its members can produce farm products and garden produce and thereby attain an adequate standard of living, and
- WHEREAS, the irrigated land of the White Mountain Apache Tribe consisting of 1,836 acres, 47 small diversions and 37 miles of ditches is broken up into many small tracts of less than one acre to a maximum of 30 acres, and
- WHEREAS, the farmlands are used entirely for subsistence type farming and little or no products bring cash income to its operators, and
- WHEREAS, the rough mountainous lands surrounding the small farm tracts cause a high annual cost of operation and maintenance of ditches and diversions, and
- WHEREAS, a large part of the diversions and ditches on the Fort Apache Reservation are in need of repair and major maintenance, and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has approved a rehabilitation project on all diversions and ditches on the reservation to proceed as income and available funds of the Tribe will permit, and
- WHEREAS, the reimbursable charges now due the U. S. Government as of June 30, 1956 were:

Construction Charges	\$ 64,965.35
O & M Charges	95,587.11, and

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe feels that it is unable to repay the reimbursable charges due the U. S. Government and carry out its irrigation rehabilitation program and other programs and obligations of community services and resource development, and
- WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized by Public Law 240, approved July 1, 1932 and directed to adjust or eliminate reimbursable charges of the Government of the U. S. against individual Indians or Tribes of Indians in such a way as shall be equitable and just in consideration of all the circumstances under which such charges are made.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Secretary of the Interior be respectfully requested to cancel all reimbursable irrigation charges due the U. S. Government against the White Mountain Apache Tribe, Project No. 452.69.

The foregoing Resolution was on January 7, 1957 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 VI, Section 1 (n) of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe ratified by the Tribe on August 15, 1938 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on August 26, 1938 pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 13, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).


Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council