

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

- WHEREAS, certain newspapers throughout the United States printed a story allegedly received from a certain Ada Price that the White Mountain Apaches were starving and were suffering from cold and disease, and
- WHEREAS, Leta Myers Smart read the Article and forwarded copies of same with copies of letters to certain members of Congress and other influential people, and
- WHEREAS, a certain Rev. Edward Johnson who was quoted in said article was contacted relative to the truth of the forementioned statements, and
- WHEREAS, the said Rev. Johnson emphatically denied having made any such statements, and
- WHEREAS, Ada Price denied making the statements as quoted in the press, and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apaches even though their standard of living is generally below that of non-reservationists, are not suffering from hunger and other elements, and
- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs through the Agency Superintendent and the Area Office are using all funds available to raise the economic standards of the White Mountain Apaches, now therefore
- BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that inasmuch as the statements allegedly made by Mrs. Price and released by the press and referred to by Mrs. Smart are false that the Tribal Council goes on record as denying the veracity of such statements.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agency Superintendent or the Area Director be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to all the congressional delegation who were contacted by Mrs. Smart.

The foregoing resolution was on December 18, 1958 duly adopted by a vote of 10 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (a) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 1958 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1958, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

Lester Oliver
Chairman of the Tribal Council

Mary S. Goodfield
Secretary of the Tribal Council