

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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe fully supports the continuing efforts made by the Whiteriver Unified School District #20 Board of Education and the public school system on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and is further in full support of a resolution passed by said Board of Education on July 21, 1981, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as if set out in full; and
- WHEREAS, Public Law 81-874 as amended by PL 95-561, commonly known as the Impact Aid Bill provides Federal monetary assistance necessary and critical to the education of Indian students on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and throughout Indian Reservations in the State of Arizona; and
- WHEREAS, the need for Impact Aid in Reservation School Districts has prompted Congress to increase Impact Aid of 1978; and
- WHEREAS, most Indian districts are located in economically deprived and isolated areas in the State of Arizona and Impact Aid is necessary to offset major costs such as transportation, teachers salaries, equipment costs and other supplies, housing for teachers and other costs incurred in greater proportion by Reservation districts than by their urban counterparts; and
- WHEREAS, the State of Arizona is proposing and has proposed significant alterations in school financing with the United States Department of Education, from which the P.L. 81-874 funds are distributed to the Indian school districts, including the Whiteriver Unified School District #20; and
- WHEREAS, the State of Arizona is attempting to "equalize" Impact Aid as a means of reducing its financial contribution of public schools serving Indian students on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and other Indian Reservations throughout the State of Arizona; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has been advised that the continued existence of educational programs for Indian children is doubtful and in great jeopardy if the Arizona Equalization Program, as set forth in Arizona House Resolution 2013, are finalized; and

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WHEREAS, the Whiteriver School District alone will lose \$765,539.98 for fiscal year 82 and will lose even more monies in the forthcoming years as a result of the State of Arizona Equalization Program; and

WHEREAS, said Impact Aid monies will be diverted elsewhere by the state instead of where there is the greatest need on the Indian Reservations throughout the State of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, any reduction in educational funds would impose a severe and detrimental effect on the programs in operation at Whiteriver School District and would cause adverse effects to those children that need this service; and

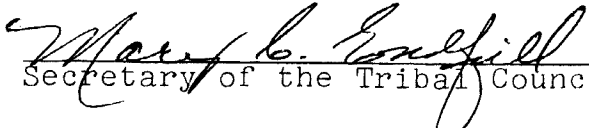
WHEREAS, the State of Arizona's Equalization Program and policy is contrary to the Congressional intent for Impact Aid funds and constitutes a deliberate threat and challenge to the well-being and future of all Indian children throughout the State of Arizona including the children of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby sets forth by this Resolution its grave concern over the proposed Equalization Program and reduction in Impact Aid funds for Indian educational programs and the untold devastating effect it will have on children of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council hereby supports and encourages the Arizona Indian Education Project, the Arizona Congressional Delegation, and the Congress to maintain Impact Aid funding for these programs at a local level commensurate with the need and that there be no reduction in the funding for Indian children on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

The foregoing Resolution was on August 6, 1981, duly adopted by a vote of 6 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 (i) 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 (45 Stat. 984).


Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council