

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


- WHEREAS, the School Board for the Theodore Roosevelt School has come before the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and has presented to the Tribal Council a letter dated November 08, 1983 requesting the removal of Mr. Nephi Valandra as Superintendent of Fort Apache Indian Agency Department of Education, a copy of said letter attached hereto and incorporated by reference as if set forth herein, and
- WHEREAS, after a considerable discussion with the School Board, as to the contents of the letter of November 08, 1983, the Tribal Council concludes that there is just cause for the removal of Mr. Valandra as the Agency Superintendent of Education due to his gross violations of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and his intentional failure to consult with the Theodore Roosevelt School Board regarding the Acting Principal's position, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concludes that the administration of the Agency schools on the reservation will improve with the removal of Mr. Valandra as Superintendent of Agency Education and replacement by a Superintendent of Education who has the ability and desire to assist, cooperate and work in harmony with the Theodore Roosevelt School Board, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council further protests the action of Dr. Ken Ross, Director of OIEP in Washington, D. C. who has appointed another Principal for the Theodore Roosevelt Boarding School without notice to the School Board and in violation of the applicable CFR, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council regards such flagrant disregard of the Theodore Roosevelt Boarding School as an affront to the people of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and to the School Board of the Theodore Roosevelt Boarding School whose authority and participation is guaranteed by Congressional policies set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests that the Superintendent of the Fort Apache Indian Agency, the Area Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Dr. Ken Ross, Director of OIEP immediately initiate the necessary procedures for the removal of Nephi Valandra as Agency Superintendent of Education on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby requests Dr. Ken Ross, Director of OIEP, to vacate his earlier order assigning a new Acting Principal for the Theodore Roosevelt Boarding School and that he enter into proper consultation according to the Code of Federal Regulations with the School Board at the earliest possible moment so as to insure the harmonious administration of the Boarding School for the benefit of the children enrolled there.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests the Superintendent of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and Dr. Ken Ross, Director of OIEP to correspond directly with Mr. Billy Kane, Chairman of the Theodore Roosevelt Boarding School of Education, regarding the matters set forth in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it requests Billy Kane to report any progress made or correspondence between the School Board and the Superintendent of the Fort Apache Indian Agency or Dr. Ken Ross, Director of OIEP, to the Tribal Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting in January, 1984.

The foregoing resolution was on December 15, 1983 duly adopted by a vote of 8 for 0 against and 1 abstention 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 (48 Stat. 984).

  
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Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
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Secretary of the Tribal Council

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