

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is advised that the United States Interior Department has drawn up a plan to trade the Phoenix Indian School property in central Phoenix to a Florida developer in exchange for 128 thousand acres of swamp land and \$50 million dollars in cash without consulting Indian tribes in the State of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, such a plan constitutes nothing less than an unconscionable and deceitful act in that Arizona Indian and non-Indian leaders have been meeting for more than a year with Interior officials in an effort to work out an arrangement whereby the city would develop much of the 110 acre tract as a park with Arizona Indian tribes receiving land for a new Indian school and a steady revenue flow and other forms of payment from the city; and

WHEREAS, said secret plan was devised by Bill Horn, Interior Department Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and has been tentatively approved by Assistant Secretary, Ross Swimmer, in charge of Indian Affairs, without consultation or consent of Arizona Indian tribes, Phoenix City officials and the Arizona Congressional Delegation; and

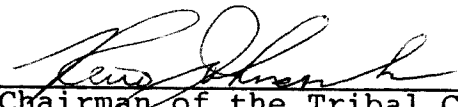
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe demands herein that said plan and land swap be withdrawn from consideration by the Secretary of the Interior.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby declares its unequivocal opposition to the arbitrary action taken by William Horn, Assistant Secretary for Parks, Fish and Wildlife, and Ross Swimmer, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, to transfer the Phoenix Indian School property from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to the Bureau of Fish and Wildlife and the National Park Service for eventual transfer to Collier Enterprises, a Florida Developer, in exchange for Florida swamp land and \$50 million dollars.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby further requests that the Arizona Congressional Delegation oppose this deceitful seizure of land which would not only cheat Arizona Indians out of

their lawful and equitable share of the benefits to said land, but also the State of Arizona and City of Phoenix, both of which have discussed and negotiated with the Arizona Indian Tribes as to the future mutual and beneficial use for said land.

The foregoing resolution was on May 27, 1986, duly adopted by a vote of 7 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)(b)&(i) of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws 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)


Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council