

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Ross Swimmer, the Assistant Secretary of the Interior in charge of Indian Affairs, has proposed that the Bureau of Indian Affairs contract with states for the administration of bureau schools in those states where said schools are located; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council opposes this proposal because it:

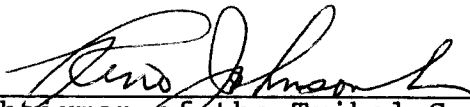
1. Abdicates the Bureau of Indian Affairs' responsibility to provide for Indian Education;
2. Usurps the sovereignty of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in the area of education of its tribal members;
3. Undermines the congressional policies of tribal self-determination in education;
4. Facilitates at the expense of the Tribe, state intrusion into the internal affairs of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and

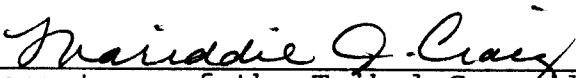
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council recommends instead that additional funding be provided for Bureau of Indian Affairs Education and Contract Schools so that tribal goals of self-determination in the areas of education may be realized and not forsaken for administrative convenience or by administrative fiat.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby opposes the recommendation made by Assistant Secretary, Mr. Ross Swimmer, that the Bureau of Indian Affairs contract out the administration of Bureau schools to the various states where said schools are located.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby requests that the Tribal Chairman distribute copies of this resolution opposing Mr. Swimmer's proposal to appropriate members of the Arizona Congressional Delegation, Congressional Committees on Indian Affairs in Education, to Secretary of Interior Hodel and Mr. Ross Swimmer with a request that those persons oppose Mr. Swimmer's plan and instead appropriate the necessary funds to fulfill congressional goals and policies of Indian self-determination.

The foregoing resolution was on January 22, 1987, duly adopted by a vote of TEN for and ZERO 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 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

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