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

WHEREAS, the Cibecue Community Education Board, Inc. has requested Tribal Council support of its opposition to any funding reduction for education including the right of handicapped children to have a free education in the least restrictive educational environment; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council endorses the Cibecue Education Position Paper attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby adopts and supports the Cibecue Education Position Paper of the Cibecue Community Education Board Inc. attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Arizona Congressional Delegation.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>September 12, 1990</u>, duly adopted by a vote of <u>eight</u> for and <u>zero</u> 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).

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CIBECUE EDUCATION FOSITION PAPER

The Cibecue Community School Board sets forth the philosophy that all Indian children between birth and twenty two (22) years of age, have the right to a free appropriate education regardless of any handicapping condition, which may exist. Furthermore, the Cibecue Board is committed to continuing a quality free and appropriate education. A free education is defined as the provision for educational and related services at no cost to the child or parents. An appropriate education is one which meets the need of the child and places the individual in a least restrictive educational environment.

The Cibecue Community School is a tribally controlled school, which presently provides educational services to students in grades kindergarten through ninth. The school services approximately two hundred fifty (250) students on the Fort Apache Reservation who reside in the Cibecue community.

The school was founded in 1966 as a Bureau of Indian Affairs facility. In 1989, the school was converted under P.L. 100-297 Grant System.

As a community school the two major goals are; (1) to provide students with a comprehensive academic environment comparable to the best school in the country. (2) to preserve and promote Apache language and cultural history.

It is with great concern that we view the negative impact of the Grahm Rudman Act upon our 501-C3 (nonprofit) facility. The sequestration of funds will jeopardize all areas of education. This will have a lasting effect on the efforts to bring literacy to our people. We would appreciate dialogue with you on this matter of serious issue. If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.

Respectfully

CIBECUE COMMUNITY EDUCATION BOARD. INC.