

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

- WHEREAS, The Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs has proposed a realignment of the Bureau by establishing several additional layers of bureaucracy without providing for any improved services to the local level; and
- WHEREAS, the Congress in the Fiscal Year 1991 Appropriations placed a prohibition on the Secretary of the Interior against any further actions regarding the proposed realignment because of the unanimous opposition by Indian tribes and tribal organizations throughout the United States; and
- WHEREAS, the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs has proceeded to implement administrative reorganization and other changes, including reorganization of Education services within the Phoenix Area Office, despite the Congressional prohibition and without tribal consent; and
- WHEREAS, a national Reorganization Task Force has been established to oversee the realignment and has unanimously rejected the "Blue Book", and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council, by Tribal Council Resolution No. 10-90-244, opposed the proposed realignment of the Bureau of Indian Affairs as presented at the September 20, 1990, meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council has conducted a cursory review of the minutes and preliminary recommendations of the Reorganization Task Force's January 22 - 24, 1991, meeting and supports its preliminary recommendations; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council believes the Bureau of Indian Affairs should be streamlined by eliminating a separate Bureau of Indian Education, eliminating additional layers at the Central Office level as proposed, and to reduce some area offices; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs can be strengthened through increased delegation of authority to the local level, increased local autonomy, release of more funds to the local level, and a single line authority of all Indian programs including all Education programs; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs be directed to cease and reverse all actions already made concerning the administrative reorganization that are contrary to the spirit and intent of the Congressional mandate until that mandate is complied with; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Reorganization Task Force as it works through the process, be urged to promote more local autonomy, eliminate the separate Bureau of Indian Education and place increased delegation of authority at the local level under a single line authority; and

The foregoing resolution was on February 21, 1991, duly adopted by a vote of NINE 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 (a) 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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