

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

- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe recognizes Haskell Indian Nations University as a unique intertribal educational institution dedicated to providing higher education to federally recognized tribal members in partial fulfillment to treaty and trust obligations; and
- WHEREAS,** twenty-eight (28) members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe are currently enrolled at Haskell Indian Nations University; and
- WHEREAS,** the Haskell Indian Nations University has been listed by the National Park Service as a "Threatened Historical Landmark District"; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council is aware that the University is further charged with providing an environment that will encourage the best possible spiritual, cultural and educational experiences for its students; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council recognizes that the continuing spiritual, cultural, physical, and academic health of Haskell Indian Nations University is inextricably linked to the immediate and long term protection of the Haskell Wetlands which serves a vital natural classroom; and
- WHEREAS,** the Haskell Wetlands and University grounds contain sweat lodges and a medicine wheel and are sacred to University's Native American community; and
- WHEREAS,** the Baker (Haskell) Wetlands has been designated a National Natural Landmark by the Department of Interior; and
- WHEREAS,** the animal, plant life, and habitat of the wetlands are currently threatened with destruction from the proposed construction of a roadway through Haskell Indian Nations University lands; and
- WHEREAS,** the wetlands are further endangered by a proposed channel clearing operation which would require extensive dredging, the felling and burning of numerous trees and the dynamiting of existing beaver dams; and

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**WHEREAS,** the proposed roadway construction and dredging operations are to occur on lands held by the Haskell Indian Nations University and lands taken from the University and sold as "surplus lands" in violation of the federal government's trust obligation during the Termination Era; and

**WHEREAS,** the information and procedures used to complete the Final Environmental Impact Statement and the application for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) 404 permit for the South Lawrence Trafficway contain serious omissions and inaccuracies; and

**WHEREAS,** the Haskell Indian Nations University was never notified of the Douglas County's application for NEPA Section 404 permit to fill a portion of the Wetlands.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby supports the Haskell Indian Nations University, the Board of Regents, and the Student Senate in defending the Haskell Wetlands.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that it directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) with a recommendation that Haskell Indian Nations University be designated a "cooperating agency" pursuant to council on Environmental Quality regulations in developing the supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement.

The foregoing resolution was on June 28, 1994, 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 IV, Section 1 (a), (f), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).


Signatures of the members of the Tribal Council represent their approval of Tribal Resolution  
No. 06-94-190.

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Tribal Chairman

  
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Vice Chairman


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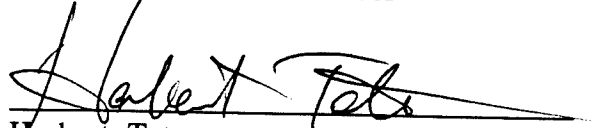
  
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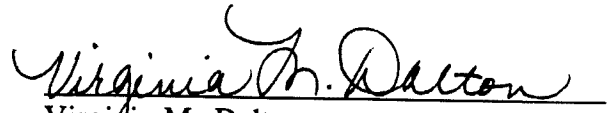
  
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Virginia M. Dalton  
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