

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

**WHEREAS,** the Bureau of Indian Affairs embarked on a project called Tribal Shares to identify certain Bureau functions that can be contracted to Indian tribes under the authority of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, as amended; and to identify other functions that must be retained by the Bureau of Indian Affairs because they are considered Inherently Federal Functions (IFFs); and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Shares process is fundamentally flawed in many respects, among which are; that it presumes all tribes will contract Bureau programs; it promotes an inequitable distribution of funds among the Bureau offices and Indian tribes by erroneously defining IFFs; and that it created competition among Indian tribes for severely limited funds; and

**WHEREAS,** the Indian tribes of Arizona, Nevada, and Utah, joined in the passage of a joint resolution, No. 97-002, enacted on Tuesday, July 8, 1997, opposing the Bureau's Tribal Shares process; and requesting a joint two-year Tribal Redesign Initiative of the Phoenix Area Office and its agencies; and

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe concurs with the referenced joint resolution and further recommends that this Initiative be accomplished through employment of a coordinator paid from grant funds to be provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Phoenix Area Office.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it fully endorses the joint resolution, No.97-002, of the Indian tribes of Arizona, Nevada, and Utah.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it proposes that the Phoenix Area Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs provide grant funds either to the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) or other appropriate organizations, in the amount necessary to accomplish the redesign/restructuring of the Phoenix Area Office and its agencies with the full participation of the Indian within the jurisdiction of the Phoenix Area Office.

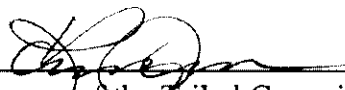
**Resolution No. 07-97-205**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it proposes that an advisory board be established, composed of representative from each tribe, and one representative, to oversee the redesign initiative.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it recommends that a coordinator, knowledgeable of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' organizational and budget structure and the federal appropriations process, be employed under this grant to perform several functions including serving as a liaison function between the Phoenix Area Office, its agencies, and the Indian tribes under its jurisdiction; provide accountability for the grant funds by reporting periodically to the Phoenix Area Office and tribes; develop reorganization scenarios for consideration by the tribes and the Bureau of Indian Affairs; develop an implementation plan for adoption.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it formally requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs to halt further development of the Tribal Shares process with respect to the Phoenix Area Office.

The foregoing resolution was on July 22, 1997, duly adopted by a vote of eight 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), (b), (c), (f), (g), (h), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe on 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).

  
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Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
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Secretary of the Tribal Council