

1937

Papago

RESOLUTION  
OF  
THE PAPAGO COUNCIL

No. 56

Resolved by the Papago Council, that we hereby adopt an official seal which shall conform to the following general description:

1. The center and innermost field of the seal shall be enclosed in a perfect circle the upper half of which shall represent a view of the Baboquivari Mountains with Baboquivari Peak (Yaf Koevolick) dominating the upper central background of the field. The lower half of the field shall represent an open plain with the left foreground graced by a generous clump of prickly pear (cactus) abutting a single stem giant cactus (*carnegia gigantea*), and the right foreground by a barrel cactus (*Mchinoecactus vitiliceni*) extending obliquely from a point to the left of and near the base of a forked specimen of *Yucca elata* in full bloom.

Baboquivari Park (Yaf Koevolick), home of Titoi, is the sacred mountain of the Papago.

The giant cactus, from which is obtained fruit, bread, molasses, and materials for house building; prickly pear and barrel cactus which yield fruit and seed; i.e. *yucca* which is extensively used in basket making, are intended to represent the fruitfulness of the desert.

2. Contiguous to, and surrounding the center field, shall be an inner field border containing eleven stars, each to represent one of the eleven districts covered by the Papago Constitution. The stars shall be evenly spaced and shall occupy the upper 120 degrees of the circle, surmounted by a chord or detail (cord or rope) representing unity.

3. The inner field border shall be enclosed by a circle or middle field border, the upper 270 degrees of which shall bear the legend "GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE PAPAGO TRIBE" in large Roman letters. At the bottom end center of this border shall appear the date 1937, representing the year in which the Constitution and By-Laws of the Papago Tribe was approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

4. The middle field border shall be enclosed by a circle, or outer field border, which shall be free of all detail.

Be It Further Resolved, that we hereby adopt a model drawing of the seal described in the foregoing paragraphs numbered one to four inclusive, the said model being drawn to meet the following specifications:

A. The circle bounding the outer field border shall have a radius of three (3") inches.

B. The circle bounding the middle field border shall have a radius of two and fifteen-sixteenths ( $2\frac{15}{16}$ ) inches. The legend "PAPAGO SEAL OF THE PAPAGO TRIBE" shall be written in Roman letters approximately four-sixteenths ( $\frac{4}{16}$ ) of an inch in height, each word spaced approximately one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) inch apart, equi-distant from each side of the border and shall occupy the upper 270 degrees of this border. The numerals of the date, 1937, shall be approximately four-sixteenths ( $\frac{4}{16}$ ) of an inch in height, located at the bottom center, and spaced equi-distant from each side of this border.

C. The circle bounding the inner field border shall have a radius of two and one-half (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) inches. Seven (7) five (5) point stars equally spaced shall occupy the upper 240 degrees of this circle--each star to have a radius of three-sixteenths ( $\frac{3}{16}$ ) of an inch centered equidistant from the sides of the border, the tip of one ray of each star touching the chordal detail. The chordal detail shall be one-sixteenth ( $\frac{1}{16}$ ) inch wide, excepting the termini which shall extend to within one-sixteenth ( $\frac{1}{16}$ ) inch of the center field, and shall occupy the upper 315 degrees of the inner field border contiguous to the middle field border.

D. The circle bounding the center field scene shall have a radius of two (2") inches and shall contain a faithful reproduction of the drawing of Papago Indian scene as submitted to the Papago Council on December 6, 1936, by Mrs Laura Looman.

And Be It Further Resolved, that we request the Superintendent of Sells Agency to contract with an engraver to manufacture a finished steel desk seal from the adopted model drawing, the finished seal to be exactly two (2) inches in diameter; provided, that in reducing the diameter of the model drawing of the seal from six ( $6$ ) inches to two (2") inches, the proportionate density of any part of the detail, the spacing, correct location of scene contours, figures, plants, lines, figures or borders shall not be changed or lost.

And Be It Further Resolved, that we appropriate, and there is hereby appropriated, the sum of \$50.00 from the trust "U.S.A. Inst. No. F-34, Contributed Fund, Papago Tribe," to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of Sells Agency for our purpose incidental to procuring a steel desk seal of the design provided for herein, which shall be placed in the custody of the Secretary of the Papago Council, and shall be impressed upon all documents of the Papago Council attested by the said Secretary subsequent to March 1, 1937.

The foregoing Resolution was on January 7, 1937, duly enacted by a vote of 17 for and 0 against, by the Papago Council, pursuant

to authority vested in it by Sections 2, (f), and 3, (a), Article V, of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe on November 10, 1936, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on January 2, 1937, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934, (43 Stat. 916). Said resolution is effective as of the date of its approval by the Superintendent of the Agency, subject to its recognition by the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to Section 6, Article V of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Papago Tribe.

THE PAPAGO COUNCIL

By:

Attest:

Ida K. Wilson  
Ida K. Wilson, Secretary

Jose Ignacio  
Jose Ignacio, Chairman

APPROVED: January 10, 1937.

Ob. Hall  
Ob. Hall, Superintendent