

RESOLUTION OF THE PAPAGO COUNCIL

RES. NO. 16-80

1 WHEREAS, Representatives of the San Lucy District presented to the Papago  
2 Council a petition signed by over 150 Papagos residing in the  
3 vicinity of Ajo, Arizona, requesting intercession by the Papago  
4 Council on behalf of Papagos residing on lands within the boundaries  
5 of two unpatented mining claims, Blue Bird #8 Lode and Blue Bird #9  
6 Lode, located six miles south-east of Ajo; and

7 WHEREAS, it appears that Papagos have resided on these lands for many genera-  
8 tions and it now appears that there is some doubt as to the validity  
9 of the unpatented mining claims and that the person claiming ownership  
10 thereof proposes to sell the same together with certain adjoining  
11 patented mining claims known as Blue Bird Lode No. 1 through 5; and

12 WHEREAS, the Papago Council is concerned for the Papago Community residing  
13 upon said lands and about the status of said lands

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Papago Council that it does hereby  
15 request the support and cooperation of the Bureau of Land Management  
16 and Department of Interior in determining the legal status of said  
17 lands; in obtaining appraisals of said patented and unpatented mining  
18 claims; and in advising the Papago Council about what legal steps are  
19 necessary to close said lands from further mining location and opera-  
20 tion and to regain ownership of said lands on behalf of the Papago  
21 Tribe and make them apart of the Papago Reservation,

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman, the San Lucy Representatives to the  
23 Papago Council, the Mining Director and the Attorneys for the Papago  
24 Tribe are hereby authorized and directed to take whatever steps are  
25 necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution and to report  
26 their findings and recommendations back to this Council at the  
27 earliest opportunity.

28 The foregoing Resolution was duly enacted by the Papago Council on the 7th  
29 day of March, 1980, at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of  
30 965. for; 0 against; 0 not voting; and 1 absent, pursuant to  
31 the authority vested in the Council by Section 2 (a), (d) and (h) and 3 (h)  
32 of Article V of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Papago Tribe as amended,  
ratified by the Papago Tribe on December 12, 1936 and approved by the Secretary  
of the Interior on January 6, 1937, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June  
18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984). Said Resolution is effective as of the date of its  
approval by the Superintendent of the Papago Agency and is subject to review  
by the Secretary of the Interior.

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THE PAPAGO COUNCIL

Max H. Norris  
Max H. Norris, Chairman

ATTEST:

Mary Jane Narcho  
Mary Jane Narcho, Secretary

Copy received the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1980

Joseph A. Hunter  
Superintendent, Papago Agency