

RESOLUTION OF THE PAPAGO TRIBAL COUNCIL
Traffic Restrictions - San Xavier Road

RES. NO. 99-82

- 1 WHEREAS, the expansion of non-Indian communities and industries bordering
2 the San Xavier Reservation has resulted in serious non-Indian motor
3 vehicle traffic, ground water depletion, air pollution, wanton
4 trash dumping, illegal trespass and other adverse actions that are
5 now having a serious impact on the living conditions of members of
6 the Papago Tribe living within the San Xavier District; and
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8 WHEREAS, the non-Indians are using the San Xavier Road as a shortcut from
9 and to I-10 from areas west and east of the San Xavier Reservation;
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12 WHEREAS, San Xavier Road runs directly in front of the San Xavier Mission,
13 Mission School and the community center, and said traffic creates
14 a health and safety hazard for the Papago children, adults, invited
15 guests and visitors to the San Xavier Mission; and
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17 WHEREAS, a recent close encounter of a non-Indian gravel truck and a Papago
18 school bus could have resulted in serious injuries or death of
19 Papago children; and
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21 WHEREAS, future non-Indian growth within the area will not abate but will
22 continue to increase which will multiply the already existing
23 serious problems; and
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25 WHEREAS, alternate routes are available for the traffic that normally uses
26 this BIA road for travel through the San Xavier Reservation; and
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28 WHEREAS, 25 C.F.R. 162.8 requires free public use on BIA roads constructed
29 and maintained with federal funds, with the exception that if
30 required for public safety the commissioner may restrict the use
31 of BIA roads or may close them to public use; and
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33 WHEREAS, the Papago Tribal Council and the San Xavier District Council have
34 the responsibility to provide for the health, safety and welfare
35 of the Papago children, adults, invited guests and visitors to the
36 San Xavier Mission.
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38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Papago Tribal Council that the appropriate
39 officials of the Bureau of Indian Affairs take affirmative steps to
40 restrict the traffic on the San Xavier Road to community members,
41 visitors to the San Xavier Mission, school buses, city transit buses,
42 United States Postal Services, emergency vehicles and vehicles for
43 religious services, or close that portion of the San Xavier Road as
44 is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the Papago
45 children, the elderly and other adults, their invited guests and
46 visitors to the San Xavier Mission.
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48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate BIA officials study all alternate
49 roads for traffic now using the San Xavier Road and the feasibility
50 of restricting said traffic to these alternate roads.
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52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal officers and the District officers take
53 all steps necessary to carry out the purpose of this Resolution.

1 The foregoing Resolution was duly enacted by the Papago Council on the 6th
2 day of August, 1982, at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote
3 of 1148.0 for; 0 against; 0 not voting; and 3 absent,
4 pursuant to the authority vested in the Papago Council by Section 2 (h) and
5 (m) and Section 3 (i) of Article V of the Constitution and By-laws of the
6 Papago Tribe of Arizona as amended, ratified by the Papago Tribe on December
7 12, 1936, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on January 6, 1937,
8 pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984). Said
9 Resolution is effective as of the date of its approval by the Superintendent
10 of the Papago Agency and is subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior.

THE PAPAGO COUNCIL

Enos J. Francisco, Jr.

Enos J. Francisco, Jr.,
Vice Chairman

11 ATTEST:

12 *Rose Johnson*
13 Rose Johnson, Secretary

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15 RESOLUTION APPROVED this 13 day of Aug, 1982.

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17 *Curtis C. Nordwall*
18 Curtis C. Nordwall, Superintendent
19 Papago Agency

