

RESOLUTION
OF THE
PAPAGO COUNCIL

RES. NO. 1328

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona has recently won a decision over the State of California in a court case involving the ownership of waters of the Colorado River, and

WHEREAS, this decision gives the use of the waters to Arizona and the question now arises as to the manner in which this water shall be used in the State of Arizona, and

WHEREAS, Indian Reservations all throughout the State of Arizona, for the most part, need water badly and the Indian Tribes of the State must make forceful demands upon the State of Arizona for their share of this water, and

WHEREAS, the Tribes must make a combined effort to obtain this water and the proper forum for this matter to be considered is the annual convention of the National Congress of American Indians.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Papago Council respectfully suggests to the Indian Tribes of the State of Arizona that they join together in demanding that they receive their fair and proper share of the water, and the use and ownership of the water, granted to them in the recent court decision in the case of the State of Arizona versus the State of California involving and concerning the waters of the Colorado River, and the Papago Council further urges that the Indian Tribes of Arizona unite and consolidate their individual efforts in obtaining their share of this water.


LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, because water is needed so drastically by nearly all the Indian Tribes of Arizona and because water will be such a boon to the growth and development of the reservations in the State, the Papago Council urges and suggests that the matter be brought to the attention of the National Congress of American Indians in convention assembled in Bismarck, North Dakota so that the necessary steps may be taken to safeguard the rights of the Indian Tribes in Arizona in regard to their water rights.

The foregoing Resolution was duly enacted by the Papago Council on September 6, 1963 with a vote of 20 for and 0 against, during a meeting at which a quorum was present, pursuant to authority vested in the Council by Section 2 (f) of Article V of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Papago Tribe ratified by the Tribe on December 12, 1936, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on January 6, 1937, (Stat. 984), pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934.

THE PAPAGO COUNCIL

BY:


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