

RESOLUTION
OF THE
PAPAGO COUNCIL

RES. NO. 1334

WHEREAS, the appropriation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the construction of roads on the Papago Indian Reservation was \$115,000.00 in the 1963 Fiscal Year, and this same appropriation for the 1964 Fiscal Year has been drastically reduced to only \$50,000.00, and

WHEREAS, this reduction has recently resulted in the laying off of five Papago employees in the Roads Department and a much larger lay-off of Papago employees will result very soon, and

WHEREAS, as a result of this reduction all construction of roads everywhere on the Reservation has stopped completely, and poor roads needing repair or replacement on the Reservation will seriously affect the development of Papago Farms, a Tribal enterprise in the southwestern section of the Reservation, will affect the attendance of children at school because the buses will be unable to get through the bad roads, will affect generally all traffic moving on the Reservation, will make it impossible for the Public Health Field Nurses to get through these roads to the sick and ailing Papagos throughout the Reservation, and no department can operate effectively without a good road system, and

WHEREAS, the road system of the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the Reservation has been badly neglected, overlooked and sidelined for many years, and all roads on the Reservation are now in a deplorable condition, and

WHEREAS, to do a good job on the Reservation the Roads Department should have an annual appropriation of, at least, \$500,000.00 for construction and of, at least, \$150,000.00 for maintenance, and

WHEREAS, the present payroll of the Roads Department is \$67,000.00, a sum larger than \$60,000.00, the appropriation for maintenance in the current Fiscal Year, and

WHEREAS, great damage has been done to Reservation roads in recent months by heavy rains, and the Roads Department has been compelled to go out after each heavy rainstorm and repair roads which were in fair condition before the rainstorm, and the cost of repairing these roads after the rains has had to be taken from the appropriation for maintenance, and

WHEREAS, the Papago Reservation is the second largest Reservation in area in the United States, containing almost three million acres, and as a consequence there are many miles of side roads in proportion to the large size of the Reservation, and the amount heretofore appropriated for construction of roads is wholly and completely inadequate for the needs of the Reservation if channels of road communication are to be kept open on the Reservation, and

WHEREAS, this condition places the Reservation in a dire emergency, requiring the immediate need and assistance of public officials to remedy this drastic and desperate situation.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Papago Council, in meeting assembled, herein and hereby appeals to the Hon. Stewart Udall, U. S. Secretary of the Interior, and to the Hon. Phileo Nash, U. S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs, for immediate assistance in this rigorous and extreme emergency facing the Papago people, and urgently requests of these public officials that an immediate appropriation of \$500,000.00 for construction and of \$150,000.00 for maintenance for the roads of the Papago Reservation be made.


LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Papago Council orders and directs that copies of this Resolution be immediately forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior and to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, accompanied by an urgent appeal for their advice and assistance.

The foregoing Resolution was duly enacted by the Papago Council on October 11, 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 (a) and Section 2 (d) 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


Eugene J. Johnson, Chairman


Claudina R. Chávez, Secretary

NOTED AND APPROVED,