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RESOLUTION
OF THE
PAPAGO COUNCIL

RES. NO. 1136

WHEREAS, many members of the Papago Tribe were employed several months ago by the Papago Indian Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, in an Accelerated Public Works Program, and

WHEREAS, these Papagos, so employed, were eventually laid off from work when the money appropriation for the Program was fully expended, and

WHEREAS, upon being laid off from employment for a reason not due to themselves these Papagos became eligible to apply for unemployment insurance, and

WHEREAS, during the past four months several of these Papagos have been found ineligible for unemployment insurance by the Employment Security Commission of Arizona, and

WHEREAS, the reasons for the denial of insurance benefits have been various in kind, such as the residence of the claimant in a remote area, failure of the claimant to apply in sufficient number of instances for employment, inability of claimant to look for the right kind of work, and

WHEREAS, the Papago Tribal Office has conducted an investigation into all of these decisions denying insurance and has found that in each and every case the claimant has sincerely and conscientiously sought employment and has had necessary and sufficient transportation to take him to various employment contacts in search of work, and

WHEREAS, it is the considered opinion of the Tribal Council that all of the reasons given for the denial of benefits have had no substantial basis, either in law or in fact, that the reasons given for such denial have gone beyond the bounds of reason and of common sense and have charged the claimants with such failure to look for employment as would be beyond all reason and proper thinking, and

WHEREAS, the failure of these claimants to receive this unemployment insurance to which they are legally entitled has seriously affected the economy on the Papago Reservation and has brought about dire hardship and privation to the claimants and to the members of their families, and

WHEREAS, the Papago Council regards this situation as a most serious one, demanding the immediate attention of the proper public officials, looking forward to a solution or remedy of this deplorable situation, so that these members of the Papago Tribe may receive their proper and legal insurance benefits arising from this lay-off from work which was not at all brought about by their own doing.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Papago Council deeply deploras this intolerable situation and directs that the Tribal officers immediately commence an investigation and study into the various reasons given by the Employment Security Commission for this denial of insurance benefits.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Papago Tribal Chairman be, and he hereby is, authorized to contact immediately all proper and sufficient public officers and public officials, on either a local, State or Federal level, looking toward a possible solution of this grave and vexing problem so that these members of the Papago Tribe may regain all of their

legal right and claim to the insurance benefits in question.

The foregoing Resolution was duly enacted by the Papago Council on November 8, 1963, with a vote of 22 for and 0 against, during a meeting at which a quorum was present, pursuant to authority vested in the Council by Section 2 (a), Section 2 (f) and Section 2 (h) 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 E. Blaine, Secretary

NOT VALID WITHOUT APPROVAL.