

RESOLUTION OF THE PAPAGO TRIBAL COUNCIL

RES. NO. 1535

WHEREAS, the Papago Tribe of Arizona is governed by the Papago Tribal Council, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is in accord with the "Indian Policy" as set forth by President Lyndon Johnson, Secretary of the Interior, Stewart Udall, and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Robert Bennett, which states that each Tribe should be encouraged to develop its human and economic resources and be encouraged to move toward self-government as quickly as possible, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has endeavored to handle its own business and economic affairs, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Papago Agency, John Artichoker, Jr., has not conducted himself in a manner becoming a Superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in that:

- (a) He has not acted in the best interest of the Papago Tribe;
- (b) He has refused to submit economic proposals to the Tribal Council or its Business Committee;
- (c) He has involved himself in Tribal politics--encouraging and aiding in an impeachment movement of the Tribal Chairman;
- (d) He has gone to the District Councils offering the same economic proposal to two Districts at the same time thereby creating ill will among the Indians;
- (e) He has taken steps to divert mining companies from dealing with the Tribal officials and consultants which will result in the failure to develop the natural resources of the Tribe;
- (f) He has refused to approve the 1967-1968 budget unless certain conditions are met, thereby impairing the economic self-sufficiency of the Tribe;
- (g) He has exceeded his authority as Superintendent by involving and trying to control the O.E.O. poverty programs and E.D.A. programs;

(h) He has made personal attacks on the professional stand-
ings and qualifications of the various Tribal consultants;

(i) He has tried to create disunity among the Tribal and
District officials by making false accusations about each of
them;

(j) He has attempted to locate a small electronics plant
at Sells without consulting with the District or Tribal Council
or obtaining their approval;

(k) He has threatened Tribal officials with the taking
over of Tribal funds unless their actions meet his approval,
and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council and its officials have tried to
cooperate with the Superintendent without success, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has failed and refused to act as
an advisor but rather attempts to dictate policy, and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interests of the Papago
Tribe for John Artichoker, Jr. to be removed immediately as the
Superintendent of the Papago Agency, and

WHEREAS, the Papago Tribal Constitution provides in Article
V, Section 3 (f) as follows:

"To make recommendations to the Superintendent,
the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, or the
Secretary of the Interior, concerning the ap-
pointment and removal of employees assigned to
duties on the Papago Reservations."

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED by the Papago Tribal
Council:

(1) That the President of the United States, or the
Secretary of the Interior or the Commissioner of Indian Affairs
remove John Artichoker, Jr. as Superintendent of the Papago
Indian Agency forthwith for the reasons set forth above.

(2) That the President of the United States, or the
Secretary of the Interior or the Commissioner of Indian Affairs

confer with the Tribal Council or its duly authorized officials in Washington, D. C. or any other place of convenience for the purpose of discussing the appointment of a new Superintendent for the Papago Agency.

The foregoing Resolution was duly enacted by the Papago Tribal Council on July 18, 1967, with a vote of 20 for, 0 against, with 0 not voting, during a meeting at which a quorum was present, pursuant to authority vested in the Council by Section 3 (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 Interior on January 6, 1937 (Stat. 984), pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934. Said Resolution is subject to review by the Secretary of Interior pursuant to Section 6 of Article V of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Papago Tribe.

THE PAPAGO TRIBAL COUNCIL

ATTEST:

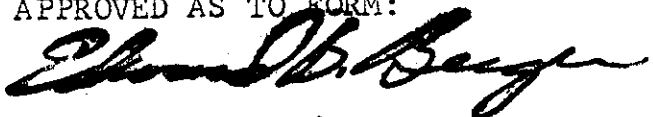
H. Malinda Miguel, Secretary

By: _____
Robert C. Mackett, Chairman

John Artichoker, Jr., Superintendent

APPROVED: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Edward B. Berger, Tribal Attorney