

RESOLUTION OF THE PAPAGO COUNCIL

RES. NO. 22-69

WHEREAS; Approximately four months ago the stockmen of the Papago Villages and Papago Livestock Associations began buying emergency hay supplements, and burning off prickly pears and cholla spines to make those plants suitable for livestock feed when they could not afford to buy bales of hay for their cattle, and

WHEREAS; Reports of cattle dying soon reached the Papago Government headquarters and to determine the extent of the problem, the Papago Tribal Herd Ranch Staff made a field survey and concluded that the drought conditions were rapidly killing off the Papago cattle, and

WHEREAS; Emergency planning meetings were called at which village, district and Tribal representatives met to establish the Papago Livestock Relief operation and to formulate an emergency plan of action, and

WHEREAS; The Papago Council met in a special session on June 25, 1969, and verified the earlier reports of the high cattle death rate and consequently enacted Resolution No. 20-69 requesting the immediate assistance of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Secretary of the Interior, and the United States Congress, and an emergency grant in the amount of \$500,000 to cover the emergency purchases of livestock feed, and supplements, water hauling, fencing supplies and control fencing, veterinary supplies, and emergency well repairs and maintenance, and

WHEREAS; The immediate relief measures taken by the Papago Stockmen and The Papago Council plus the donations of hay and money donated by the citizens of Tucson are obviously inadequate to meet the emergency and long range needs of the Papago livestock industry and its range land, the major source of income for The Papago People, which if destroyed in this drought will force most Papagos to exist completely on Welfare because of the already existing conditions of poverty on the Reservation, which magnifies the effect of this emergency.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PAPAGO COUNCIL; That the Governor of the State of Arizona is hereby requested to certify The Papago Reservation as a major disaster area to qualify the Reservation for State and Federal emergency assistance, and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; That the Governor of the State of Arizona be asked to request that the President of the United States provide the assistance needed in this grave situation.

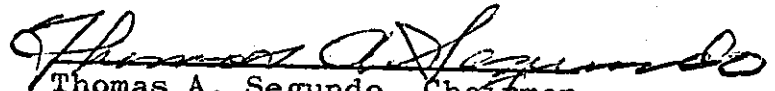
The foregoing Resolution was duly enacted by The Papago Council on the 30th day of June, 1969, at a meeting at which a quorum was present, with

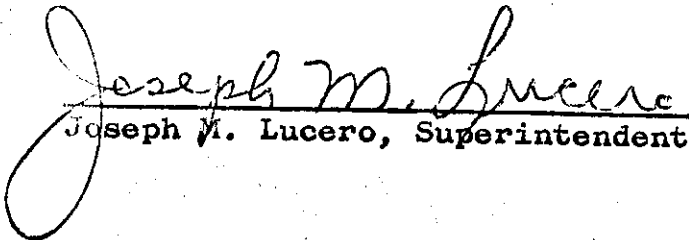
a vote of 18 for, 0 against, and 4 absent, pursuant to authority vested in The Papago Council by Section 2 (a), of Article V, of the Constitution and By-Laws of The Papago Tribe of Arizona ratified by The Papago Tribe on December 12, 1936, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on January 6, 1937, (48 Stat. 984) pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934. Said Resolution is effective as of the date of its approval by the Superintendent of the Papago Agency and is not subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior.

ATTEST:

THE PAPAGO COUNCIL


Phillipa A. Jose, Secretary


Thomas A. Segundo, Chairman


Joseph M. Lucero, Superintendent

APPROVED: July 2, 1969