

RESOLUTION OF THE PAPAGO COUNCIL

RES. NO. 34-69

WHEREAS; A large number of Papago People have been exposed to formal academic education systems, vocational and technical schools, adult education, colleges and universities since 1884, with the establishment of the first school on the Papago Reservation. Prior to this period, Papago students were sent to off-reservation boarding schools beginning about 1879 to learn the English language; learn the non-Indian way of life without hindrance from their Papago parents; live and compete with the non-Indians; and to adopt the use of non-Indians tools, methods and habits of work, and other practices, and

WHEREAS; Approximately ninety years later, at least 60% of the Papago People are illiterate of the English language, and have no written language of their own; 80% of all Papagos who enrolled in school did not finish the twelfth grade; at least a two-year age-grade retardation is indicated by students currently in school; there are sixty-five Papago College students; and there are more than fifteen Papago college graduates of which no more than five are employed by the educational, medical and other social service agencies and institutions located on the Papago Reservation, and

WHEREAS; The Papago Survey conducted by the Arizona State University in 1964 with funds from the Office of Economic Opportunity indicates that the conditions mentioned will not change very rapidly. The high rate of age-grade retardation will perpetuate sub-standard educational levels, and there is little reason to expect housing, health and employment to improve any faster than education; and

WHEREAS; The Papago People have become concerned with the educational system and its implications to social, economic and cultural problems;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PAPAGO COUNCIL; That The Papago People develop an educational philosophy deemed most appropriate to Papago educational aspirations and needs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; That The Papago People initiate the process towards complete responsibility for the educational system on the Papago Reservation.

The foregoing Resolution was duly enacted by The Papago Council on September 26, 1969, at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 19 for, 0 against, and 3 absent, pursuant to authority

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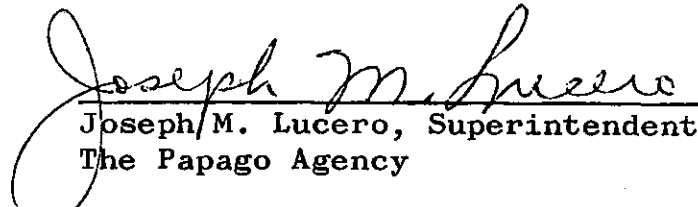
vested in The Papago Council by Section 2 (a), (f) and (k) of Article V, of the Constitution and By-Laws of The Papago Tribe of Arizona ratified by The Papago Tribe on December 12, 1936 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on January 6, 1937, (48 Stat. 984) pursuant to Section 16 of the Act 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.

THE PAPAGO COUNCIL

ATTEST:

  
Thomas A. Segundo, Chairman

  
Henriana A. Shover, Secretary

  
Joseph M. Lucero, Superintendent  
The Papago Agency

APPROVED: Oct. 6, 1969