

RESOLUTION OF THE PAPAGO COUNCIL

RES. NO. 66-71

WHEREAS, the Indian Claims Commission was created by Act of Congress of August 13, 1946, 60 Stat. 1049, (25 USC 70) to adjudicate Indian claims which came into existence between July 4, 1776, and August 13, 1946; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of said Act the existence of the Commission was to terminate not later than ten years after its first meeting which date of termination would have been April 10, 1957; and

WHEREAS, the life of the Indian Claims Commission has been extended on three (3) different occasions and the 92nd Congress is now considering S2408, which bill would extend the life of the Indian Claims Commission and otherwise amend the Indian Claims Commission Act; and

WHEREAS, the life of the said Indian Claims Commission will expire on April 10, 1972, unless an additional extension is granted by the 92nd Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Papago Tribe has pending before the Indian Claims Commission Dockets Numbers 345 and 102; and

WHEREAS, The Papago Tribe, acting through its Claims' Attorneys, has done everything possible to expedite the adjudication of its claims; and

WHEREAS, by statements made by the Indian Claims Commission and the Department of Justice, it will be impossible to finally dispose of all the pending cases by even April of 1972; and

WHEREAS, it was the intention of the Congress that Indian tribes should have their day in Court by the establishment of the Indian Claims Commission so that they may once and for all have their claims against the Government adjudicated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PAPAGO COUNCIL that it respectfully requests and urges the 92nd Congress favorably to act on S2408 so as to provide such extension of the life of the Indian Claims Commission to the end that a just completion may be had of its tribal claims as well as all other Indian Tribal claims pending before the Indian Claims Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Arizona Congressional Delegation and to the Committee of Congress that might be considering legislation extending the life of the Indian Claims Commission, and that its Tribal Attorneys, Royal D. Marks and

Arthur T. Lazarus are authorized to appear before the Congressional Committee that may be considering said legislation and testify on behalf of the Papago Tribe in connection with the extension of the life of the Indian Claims Commission.

The foregoing Resolution was duly enacted by The Papago Council on the 17th day of September, 1971, at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 20 for, -0- against, 2 not voting, and -0- absent, pursuant to authority vested in The Papago Council by Section 2(a) and (b) 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 (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:

Betsy J. Norris
Betsy J. Norris, Secretary

By: Augustine B. Lopez
Augustine B. Lopez, Chairman

Joseph M. Lucero
Joseph M. Lucero
Superintendent
The Papago Agency



APPROVED: OCT 14 1971