

RESOLUTION OF THE PAPAGO COUNCIL

RES. NO. 39-74

WHEREAS; the U.S. Department of Agriculture has filed claim in the amount of FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$5,129) against the Papago Tribe for unaccounted inventory from the Papago Commodity Program during the period of September 1, 1972 to June 30, 1973, and

WHEREAS; failure to pay this claim could result in termination by USDA of the Papago Commodity Program which is of substantial benefit to the Papago people; but

WHEREAS, the financial resources of the Papago Tribe are severely limited, and

WHEREAS; the amount of this claim is less than 1% (ca. 0.77) of the reported inventory received during this period, and

WHEREAS; USDA investigators have expressed the belief that the unaccounted inventory is a result of lost receipts and inadequate local records and reports, rather than of any intentional or criminal act, and

WHEREAS; record keeping and report deficiencies have been largely corrected as reported by subsequent USDA reviewers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Papago Council does:

1. Request that the Department of Agriculture withdraw its claim based upon the low percentage of loss, the fiscal limitations of the Tribe and the general improvement in inventory control and reporting.
2. Direct the Tribal Officials and Attorney to negotiate with USDA for withdrawal or further reduction of the claim or fulfilling this to accept payment in two installments, one now and one in July of 1975.

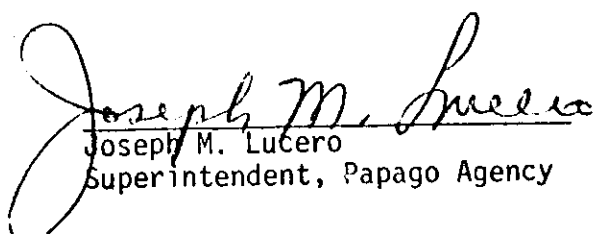
The foregoing Resolution was duly enacted by the Papago Council on the 6th day of September, 1974 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 21 for, 0 against, 0 not voting and 1 absent, pursuant to the authority vested in the Papago Council by Section 2(a) and (h) of Article V of the Constitution of 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 upon passage by the Papago Council and is not subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior.

THE PAPAGO COUNCIL

ATTEST:


Jacob A. Escalante, Chairman


Delma M. Garcia, Secretary


Joseph M. Lucero
Superintendent, Papago Agency

APPROVED: Sept 19, 1974

