

RESOLUTION OF THE WHITE
MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE FORT
APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

Be it resolved by the Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in regular session this date, December 1, 1941 that:

WHEREAS, the success of our entire cattle enterprise is seriously jeopardized by the depredations of mountain lion, lobe wolves and coyotes, and
WHEREAS, the heavy annual expenditures being made for the feeding and protection of our wild turkeys is being nullified by the depredations of bobcat, lynx, weasels, coyotes and other small predators, and

WHEREAS, many needy families of our tribe are being annually deprived of all or a large part of their rightful income from cattle because of the activity of predatory animals, as evidenced by the experience of the Upper Cedar Creek cattle owners, who, only last June, lost 18 calves to coyotes within the few days that their 170 cows with small calves were being held in small pasture awaiting the arrival of trucks to haul them to summer range, and

WHEREAS, the number of cattle that reach marketing age on this reservation, with an area comparable with that of the San Carlos Reservation, is only about half of the number sold at San Carlos - due, largely, to the depredations of predators, and

WHEREAS, we are thoroughly convinced that the control of predators on a brushy, timbered, mountainous range such as ours is an unavoidable phase of the ranching business and we cannot too strongly reject the suggestion that we should remain passive spectators to an ecological balance which - however valid it might have been before cattle were introduced to this range - was upset when cattle were introduced and will remain upset as long as the cattle are here and we believe that it is tyranny for us to be compelled to subject the chief source of our income to the operations of such a balance as long as we must compete with white ranchmen who are not so restrained from protecting their property, and

WHEREAS, the prices being paid for pelts this winter is so high as to make trapping profitable without the payment of any bounty, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribe take advantage of this favorable price situation by issuing fifteen (15) permits for trapping on the reservation to outside trappers who show that they have the skill and the equipment to carry on their work successfully, and that no fee be charged for these permits.

The foregoing resolution was on December 1, 1941 duly adopted by a vote of 8 for and 0 against, by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article VI, Section 1 (p) of the Constitution and By-laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe on August 15, 1938 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on August 26, 1938 pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

/S/ John Bourke
Vice-Chairman of the Tribal Council

Approval recommended:

December 3, 1941

/S/ Wm. Donner
Superintendent

/S/ Lawrence Johnson
Secretary of the Tribal Council

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