

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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has been advised of the proposed U. S. Senate Bill to amend the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act, P.L. 90-542, so as to include therein the study of the Salt River from the confluence of the White and Black Rivers to Arizona State Highway 288, and
- WHEREAS, said study, under the Act, if amended, would proposed the determination of declaring or not declaring the Salt River to be a Wild & Scenic River, protected and controlled by federal law, and
- WHEREAS, said portion of the Salt River as would be studied under the Act, forms part of the boundary of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and the uses of its north bank and waters are presently within the jurisdiction of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Chairman has heretofore stated, on behalf of the Tribal Council, that the three major concerns of the Tribe in this matter are: (1) the effect on tribal sovereignty over its land base of including said portion of the river within the Act and the ensuing federal control; (2) the effect on tribal administration and control of the Reservation lands involved in same; and (3) the effect on tribal economic development on the Reservation land involved or that which is within the watershed, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Committee to review the proposed Senate Bill and the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act has investigated and studied said matters and has unanimously recommended to the council that it strongly oppose the inclusion of the land and waters of the Salt River, at its boundaries, within the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act and reaffirm the stated concerns on the Tribe related thereto.

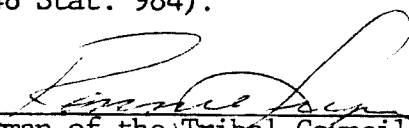
BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe hereby strongly opposes the inclusion of the land and waters of the Salt River, at its boundaries, within the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act (P.L. 90-542) or any amendment thereto, and that it reasserts and reaffirms the stated three main concerns of the Tribe, herein referenced and supported, in regard to said inclusion under the Act.

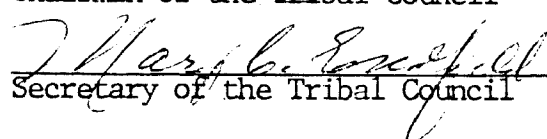
The foregoing resolution was on March 21, 1977 duly adopted by a vote of 10 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (f) and (i) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 1958 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1958, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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