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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has observed that the Tribe is confronted with a serious energy crisis, and is greatly in need of additional sources of energy if the White Mountain Apache Reservation is to achieve its full economic potential, and
- WHEREAS, the present shortage of energy and the threat of even greater shortages of energy require immediate action to overcome these energy shortages, and
- WHEREAS, the Salt River and its tributaries afford the Tribe with the opportunity to develop large quantities of hydro-electric energy which power development would go far to rectify the present energy shortages, to increase the Tribe's income from the sale and disposal of the hydro-electric power that could be developed, and to greatly increase the Tribe's agriculture and industrial development by the use of such hydro-electric power, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe has assembled extensive data which completely verifies the physical and economic feasibility of what is referred to as the 'White Mountain Apache Northfork-Whiteriver Power Development' Project.
- BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe hereby directs Special Legal Counsel for the Tribe, Mr. William H. Veeder, and the Tribe's engineers, to proceed with all necessary studies for the completion of plans and specifications, and the economic and marketing studies, required to prepare the 'White Mountain Apache Northfork-Whiteriver Power Development' Project for construction, and to obtain the requisite financing to initiate and complete this hydro-electric project.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council further directs that immediate action be taken to obtain from the Department of Interior, the Department of Energy, or from any other source, the completion of the studies necessary for financing application, and the financing for construction of said Project.

The foregoing resolution was on December 11, 1979 duly adopted by a vote of 9 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 (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).

Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council