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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has repeatedly acted to protect and preserve the water rights of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and
- WHEREAS, such action by the Tribal Council has included the authorization and initiation of water development projects on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, and
- WHEREAS, a development plan for the North Fork of the White River has been included in such approved plans of the Tribal Council, and
- WHEREAS, the proposed Fiscal Year 1981 Budget of the Bureau of Indian Affairs had included a five-million-dollar item for irrigation projects on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, which amount was intended for use in such North Fork water development plan, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is advised and informed that said amount has been deleted from the proposed Fiscal Year 1981 Bureau of Indian Affairs Budget as presented to Congress, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council continues to emphasize that federal funding of tribal water development on the reservation is mandatory, in support of the trust responsibility of the United States to the Tribe, and in the best interests of the future development and existence of the Tribe.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby emphatically urges that the five-million-dollar item proposed for irrigation projects on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation in the Fiscal Year 1981 Bureau of Indian Affairs Budget be restored and that such funding be made available to the Tribe.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all support of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in this resolution is hereby requested.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Chairman is authorized and directed to contact all such persons as is appropriate in order to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on April 9, 1980 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).

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