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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is advised that Senate Bill 2832 has been introduced in the United States Senate; and
- WHEREAS, the bill proposes to establish special magistrates with jurisdiction over federal offenses within Indian Country; and
- WHEREAS, the report on the bill states that it is directed at complaints relating to lack of enforcement of laws or hardships imposed on defendants, witnesses, and families arising from the distance of Federal Courts from the reservations; that federal investigators are many times slow to responde to requests for investigations; and that U.S. Attorneys are reluctant to undertake prosecutions for offenses occurring miles from the courthouse; and
- WHEREAS, the bill acknowledges that it is reasonable to provide a convenient forum for witnesses or victims in federal prosecutions and that obtaining juries representative of the community in which an offense occurs would be made possible; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council further finds that the current law prohibiting tribal prosecution jurisdiction over non-Indian offenses which victimize both the Tribe and tribal members mandates such assistance therein as S.B. 2832 appears to offer; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council further finds that said bill does not intend to remove or replace tribal jurisdiction in matters in which it now has authority.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby supports the enactment of S.B. 2832 as hereinabove described.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Chairman is authority to direct all such communications as are necessary to carry out the intentions of this Resolution.



FORT AFACHE INDIAN AGENCY WHITERIVER, ARIZ. The foregoing resolution was on July 9, 1980, 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 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

Acting Mariday C. Crais
Secretary of the Tribal Council

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