

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

- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council (by Resolution No. 79-234 of December 11, 1979) authorized the development of the North Fork Hydroelectric Power Project, and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to the said authorization, the Fiscal Year 1981 Bureau of Indian Affairs Irrigation Construction Budget was amended to provide \$5.0 million for the first phase of a three-year construction project, having a total cost of approximately \$40.0 million; to include irrigation systems and facilities for approximately 3,000 acres of the Canyon Day Flats area, and
- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs Fiscal Year 1981 Irrigation Construction Budget was later amended to delete the \$5.0 million-line item for the North Fork Hydroelectric Project, first phase; the status of the said line item being at present uncertain because of Congressional efforts to have it restored before final action on the Fiscal Year 1981 Federal Budget, and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council is seriously concerned and is determined to implement the North Fork Development as a vital component in the defense of Tribal Water Rights and for the future economic development of the Reservation.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby reaffirms its determination to pursue its water resource development program to the extent necessary to ensure the future economic self-sufficiency of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and, specifically, to develop the North Fork Hydroelectric Project as a necessary first step in its long-term resource development program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council hereby directs the Bureau of Indian Affairs to include in its Irrigation Construction Budget for the North Fork Hydroelectric Project the following:


Fiscal Year 1981 - \$ 5.0 Million (Phase I)
Fiscal Year 1982 - \$15.0 Million (Phase II)
Fiscal Year 1983 - \$20.0 Million (Phase III)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bureau of Indian Affairs be requested to make available to the White Mountain Apache Tribe from Phoenix Area Office funding for Environmental Services and Rights Protection the following:

	<u>FISCAL YEAR 1981</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR 1982</u>
Environmental Services	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
Rights Protection	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00

said funds to be used for necessary environmental assessments in connection with irrigation construction and other resource developments; and for research and legal expenses in defense of Tribal Water Rights.

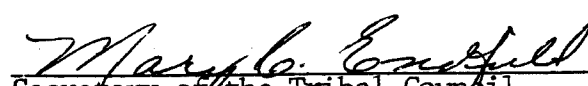
The foregoing resolution was on September 11, 1980 duly adopted by a vote of 10 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (i) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 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

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 Secretary of the Tribal Council