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

- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is committed to the protection of its natural resources, particularly water, for present and future uses, and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has undertaken an extensive program involving the utilization, conservation, preservation and protection of its invaluable rights to the use of water in the Salt River and its tributaries which arise upon, traverse, border and underlie the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, and
- WHEREAS, the State of Arizona has already classified, set standards and is initiating a monitoring program on the waters within the State, including those on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, and
- WHEREAS, it is an imperative necessity that the White Mountain Apache Tribe as part of its program respecting the waters of the Salt River and its tributaries necessarily requires the establishment of standards for the quality of the waters of the Salt River and its tributaries, and
- WHEREAS, it is urgent that in the maintenance of those water quality standards, there be undertaken an intensive program to investigate, study, and analyze all surface and ground waters of the Reservation, and
- WHEREAS, having established the standards of quality for these waters, essential for the proper utilization and conservation of those waters, it is necessary to have a continuing program throughout the Reservation to monitor, analyze and determine whether the waters throughout the Reservation meet the standards established, and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is in need of assistance from the Trustee United States, acting through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, to fund the initial intensive investigations which will be required to install, establish and maintain hydrological data-gathering stations, and
- WHEREAS, it is likewise essential for the Trustee United States to provide funds pursuant to which the Tribe can employ the requisite expertise to initiate and conduct a continuing program to the end that the standards of quality established by the Tribe can be fully maintained.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Council take all steps necessary to obtain from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, \$150,000.00 for the purpose of establishing standards of quality conducting the necessary investigations in regard to water quality,

installing of hydrologic date-gathering stations, employing experts and training Tribal personnel to conduct continuing investigations and monitor water quality throughout the Reservation.

The foregoing resolution was on May 14, 1981 duly adopted by a vote of 8 for and 1 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (f & 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