

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, in pursuance of this goal, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has undertaken a Comprehensive Water Quality Management Planning Program, for the Fort Apache Indian Reservation under Section 208 of the Clean Water Act with funds from the Environmental Protection Agency, and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is also initiating a program to set water quality standards for the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and to monitor the water to see if it meets the standards set, and
- WHEREAS, funds from the Environmental Protection Agency for the initial 208 Water Quality Management Planning process will be expended by March, 1982, and
- WHEREAS, these funds will not be renewable due to federal budget cuts, and
- WHEREAS, Secretarial support for the program funded by CETA will end September 30, 1981, and
- WHEREAS, the 208 Water Quality Management Plan is a priority of the Tribe as part of its Water Rights effort, and
- WHEREAS, the 208 Water Quality Management Plan is a prerequisite for future funding from Environmental Protection Agency, for construction grants (sewer) projects, and
- WHEREAS, only the first part of the 208 Water Quality Management Plan will be completed by March, 1982, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe, in its original Workprogram for the Environmental Protection Agency, listed sufficient priorities for five years' work in the areas of Water Quality and other environmental concerns that impact on it, such as solid waste disposal, the use of pesticides and air pollution from the burning of solid wastes, and
- WHEREAS, the Administration for Native Americans and the Environmental Protection Agency are jointly offering a small amount of highly competitive funds for Tribal Environmental Protection for the establishment and maintenance of tribal government capability to protect reservation environments, and



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WHEREAS, these funds may be used to establish and maintain a wide variety of programs in which the Tribe has a vital interest including the provision of safe drinking water, adequate sewage disposal and solid waste disposal including such projects as the establishment and enforcement of standards, monitoring, inventory development, environmental planning, research and acquiring appropriate expertise and training, and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe, is committed to increasing its self-sufficiency and self-determination by developing its own self-regulatory mechanisms for the protection and enhancement of its natural and human resources.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it strongly supports an application for these FY81/84 funds for Tribal Environmental Protection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council is and will continue to be fully informed and involved in the contents, goals and implementation of such grant application by its staff working in this area: The Water Quality Management Planning Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council has a long-term interest in the protection of the environments of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and will actively seek additional sources of funds to maintain the program for at least five (5) years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that this resolution should, in no way whatsoever, be construed as a relinquishment of its sovereignty, ownership and control over its waters, water rights, or Winters Rights.

The foregoing resolution was on July 2, 1981 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) and (h) and (f) 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