

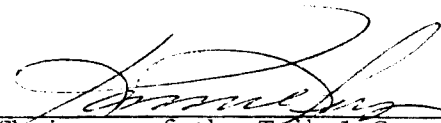
RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

- WHEREAS, by previous Resolution No. 82-66, passed by the Tribal Council on April 19, 1982, which is hereby incorporated by reference, the Tribal Council declared its opposition to the decision of Attorney General Smith and Secretary Watt, as principal agents of the trustee United States for the White Mountain Apache Tribe, to file a water rights claim on behalf of the United States as trustee for the White Mountain Apache Tribe in the W-1, State Court proceeding, on the grounds that the purported claim they were ostensibly filing on behalf of the White Mountain Apache Tribe was flagrantly false, grossly inadequate and totally inaccurate, and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 82-66, the Tribal Council requested that Attorney General Smith and Secretary Watt retract all aspects of the January 14, 1982 "Water Rights Claim of the United States as trustee for the White Mountain Apache Tribe", and
- WHEREAS, by letter dated May 19, 1982 received by Chairman Ronnie Lupe from the United States Department of the Interior, Office of the Solicitor. the Solicitor has requested of the Tribal Chairman all work performed by the Tribe's Water Rights Consultants relating to the Tribe's Water Claims preparation, and has requested the release of all data prepared by the Tribe's Special Counsel and water soil experts employed by the Tribe to protect their claims, and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is presently involved in a Phoenix Federal Court Case entitled United States of America vs White Mountain Apache Tribe in which the trustee United States represented by its principal agents, Attorney General Smith and Secretary James Watt are attempting to force upon the White Mountain Apache Tribe in violation of their trustee obligations a water rights claim detrimental to the welfare, water rights and resources of the White Mountain Apache Tribe by seeking a permanent injunction against the Tribal Court to prevent it from interfering with a filing by the United States of a, grossly inadequate and totally inaccurate water rights claim for the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concludes that because of this litigation and because of the unseemly conduct of the trustee against its beneficiaries, the White Mountain Apache Tribe, that it would not be in the best interest of the future existence of the people of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, nor in the best interest for the protection of their most precious and invaluable water rights and natural resources to release the data which Special Counsel, William H. Veeder, for the Tribe and water and soil consultants employed by the Tribe have collected, to the Justice Department or the Department of the Interior, who have consistently manifested a conflict of interest and standard of representation falling far short of trustee obligations.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby unanimously denies the request of the Solicitor set forth in the Solicitor's letter of May 19, 1982, in which he requested a release of data on water and natural resources prepared by Special Counsel, William H. Veeder, and engineering consultants employed by the Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it repeats its demand to Attorney General Smith and Secretary Watt as principal agents of the trustee United States for the White Mountain Apache Tribe to retract all aspects of their January 14, 1982 "Water Rights Claim of United States as trustee for the White Mountain Apache Tribe", which is flagrantly false, grossly inadequate and totally inaccurate and which would result in the confiscation of the Tribe's invaluable Salt River Rights by officials, both in and outside of the United States Government.

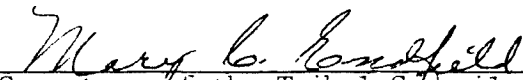
The foregoing resolution was on June 03, 1982 duly adopted by a vote of 9 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (f, h, & i) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 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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