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

- WHEREAS, Phillip Stago, Jr., the Director of the White Mountain Apache Game and Fish Department has advised the Tribal Council that the Williams Creek Fish Hatchery will be closed on October 1, 1982 and that the Pinetop Fisheries Assistance Office will also close at that time because of a lack of funding and because of instructions from the Department of the Interior, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, by previous resolution has objected the closing of the hatchery, and
- WHEREAS, extensive correspondence has been made with the Arizona Congressional Delegation, Secretary Watt and other officials within the Fish and Wildlife Service, and to the Senators and Congressmen on appropriate House and Senate Committees which deal with appropriations for the Fish Hatchery, and
- WHEREAS, Phillip Stago, Jr. has advised the Tribal Council that there is a need for him, a member of the Tribal Council and the Tribal Biologist to meet in person with the Department of the Interior officials and members of the Arizona Congressional Delegation in order to pursuade them as to the crisis facing the White Mountain Apache Tribe as well as the whole White Mountain area if the hatchery is closed, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council believes that it is in the best interest of the welfare of the people of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Fisheries Assistance Program continue and that the hatchery remain open and that it will be fruitful if Mr. Stago, the Tribal Biologist and a member of the Tribal Council proceed to Washington, D. C. to get together with members of Congress and the Department of the Interior to prevent the closing of the hatchery, said expenses to be paid from Tribal Contingency Funds.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs Phillip Stago, Jr., Tribal Biologist, John Caid and a member of the Tribal Council to proceed to Washington, D. C. for the purpose of meeting with officials in the Department of the Interior and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as well as appropriate members of the Congressional Delegation for the purpose of preventing the closing of the Pinetop Fish Hatchery and the Williams Creek Fish Hatchery.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon his return, Phillip Stago, Jr. shall present a full and detailed report as to his meetings in Washington, D. C. and the result of said meetings.

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 & 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, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

Chairman of the Tribal Council

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