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

WHEREAS, during the decade of the 1970's Sunrise Lake developed into a prime fishing and recreational resource of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, until it began to deteriorate because of the accumulation of nutrients and polluted water in the lake bottom - this condition caused by the lack of sufficient fresh water input and an outflow of polluted water; the result being an annual winter fish-kill that prevented the retention of catchable fish and the growth of trophy-size fish; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe in 1979 invested \$100,000 in a pipeline to divert water from Becker Creek into Sunrise Lake for the purpose of restoring the oxygen content of the lake; and, in addition, installed a siphon to drain polluted water from the lake bottom; the intent being to restore the fish population and the recreation potential of the lake; and

WHEREAS, during the period 1979-1982 the program of rehabilitation of Sunrise Lake has been an outstanding success, resulting in elimination of the winter fish-kill and the beginning of spawning activity in the channel conveying water from Becker Creek to the lake.

BE IT RESOLVED that the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council hereby re-affirms its intent to restore and maintain Sunrise Lake as a viable recreation lake, supplying a first-class tourism resource on the reservation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Chairman be authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to ensure that the lake rehabilitation program (including pipeline and siphon operation) shall proceed without interruption and that the White Mountain Apache Recreation Enterprise deliver a written report to the Council through the office of the Chairman as to the operation and maintenance of the pipeline within five (5) days.

The foregoing resolution was on July 7, 1982, 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

Secretary of the Tribal Council

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