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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is advised that an Executive Order issued by President Reagan declares that private contractors can only be utilized by Government Agencies if it results in a saving of money, and
- WHEREAS, this Executive Order has become known as the "A-76 Progress" and does not mention or exempt Indian Preference or protect Indian preference, and
- WHEREAS, enforcement of the A-76 Process may very well eliminate many jobs for Tribal members who are presently working for the Department of the Interior and the Indian Health Service as a result of Agency subcontracting with private contractors, and
- WHEREAS, the Buy Indian Act and the Indian Self-Determination Act set forth Congressional Policy for the employment and economic development of Indian people, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is apprehensive that the misapplication of the A-76 Process will be utilized to circumvent and; otherwise evade the Congressional Policy set forth in the Buy Indian Act, Self-Determination Act and the other Indian preference statutes and regulations.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby voices its concern and opposition to any application of the A-76 Process which might result in the elimination of jobs for Tribal members and the diminution of the strong Congressional Policy for Indian employment, Indian preference and Indian Self-Determination and economic development.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby request that the Superintendent of the Fort Apache Indian Agency and the Director of Indian Health Service facility in Whiteriver immediately notify the Office of the Tribal Chairman if either agency makes application for or is putting into effect in any manner, the A-76 Process within their respective Agency.

The foregoing resolution was on December 14, 1983 duly adopted by a vote of 7 for and 2 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).

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PORT APACHE INDIAN AGENCY WHITERIVER, ARIZ. Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council

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