

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council advises the people of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that there is a present and ongoing struggle for the very existence of the people and lands of the White Mountain Apache Tribe against its trustee, the United States of America, which has, through its principal agent, the Secretary of the Interior and the Justice Department, combined forces with the immensely influential and powerful Salt River Project for the sole purpose of forcing the Tribal Council and the people of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to surrender their struggle for the retention of the Tribe's life giving rights to the Salt River and its tributaries which arise on the sacred White Mountain; and

WHEREAS, the evidence is now unimpeachable that the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, once a fruitful homeland for the White Mountain Apache Tribe, has been maladministered and mismanaged by the trustee's agent, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, for the sole purpose of increasing water runoff to the downstream water users, namely, the Salt River Project; and

WHEREAS, in so administering and managing the Fort Apache Indian Reservation for the benefit of the downstream water users, the land and forest have suffered irreparable and ongoing catastrophic damage which threatens the very existence of the reservation as a suitable place to live and thrive; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is further confronted with a hostile Claims Court and a judge presiding over its claims case against the United States of America, who, from the moment she was assigned to the case, has

utilized her vast powers as a judge to obstruct, hinder and preclude the Tribe from advancing its just and moral claims against the defendant trustee United States of America; and

WHEREAS, because of the politically repressive climate now pervading against Indian peoples and the all prevailing and pervasive concerted effort being mounted against them to seize their water rights and the water rights of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, the people of the White Mountain Apache Tribe are now faced with a crisis of such magnitude that it must call upon its spiritual leaders, its medicine men and women and its men of the cloak to pray for divine intervention, guidance, and protection to come to their aid against their adversaries, who are great in number and who are immensely powerful and influential; and

WHEREAS, the people of the White Mountain Apache Tribe have always relied and drawn upon the spiritual strength of their Creator to guide and aid them in times of crisis and in daily living; and

WHEREAS, throughout the reservation there are wise and spiritually powerful medicine men and women and men of the cloak who act as shepherds for their church bodies known as the Miracle Church, Lutheran Church, Catholic Church, Evangelist Church, Baptist Church, Assembly of God Church, Living Waters Church, and Church of the Latter Day Saints; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, on behalf of the people of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, hereby calls upon the medicine men and women of the reservation and the men of the cloak and their congregations in the various churches and ministries that live and breath on the reservation and which provides the people spiritual strength, to join together in prayer and fasting and to offer their prayers for divine intervention, guidance and assistance in the struggle against the trustee United States of America which has betrayed and turned its back upon the survival needs and well being of the people of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and who are at this very moment contributing to the decay

and destruction of the tribe's ancient homeland for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council joins together in a prayer that justice will be served and that their rightful claims for the preservation of the people of the White Mountain Apache Tribe for present and future generations will be honored and respected in the federal courts and in the Halls of Congress.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that on behalf of the people of the White Mountain Apache Tribe it hereby calls upon the medicine men and women of the reservation, they being the spiritual leaders of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and the men of the cloak of the Lutheran Church, Catholic Church, Evangelist Church, Baptist Church, Miracle Church, Church of the Latter Day Saints, Assembly of God Church, Living Waters Church, and other church denominations to bring their congregations together for a time of fasting and prayer at every Sunday meeting or spiritual gathering and to call upon the Creator for Divine Spiritual Guidance, intervention and assistance in the tribe's struggle to preserve and protect the homeland and people of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and further, to pray for the restoration of the reservation which has so long suffered at the hands of the trustee United States and to further pray that the the trustee United States fulfill its promises and covenants and refrain from inflicting any further harm and injury upon the people and lands of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

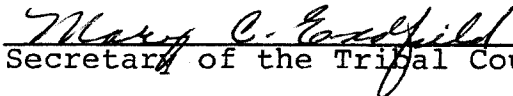
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it requests that the priests and medicine men and women, their followers and congretations pray for understanding, courage and patience in this time of crisis, and for justice and fair and honorable treatment in the federal courts and Halls of Congress of the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby calls upon the medicine mer. and women, priests, ministers and spiritual leaders of the reservation

to observe a time of fasting and prayer with their followers and congregations and that this word be spread throughout the people of the reservation that they too should join in prayer and fasting for strength and guidance from the Creator for the preservation of our people and our land.

The foregoing resolution was on February 14, 1984, 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 (a, f & u) of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws 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