## PESOLUTION OF THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

- WHEREAS, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service has provided fishery assistance on the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation for over twenty (20) years, and
- WHEREAS, the Service has also operated the Alchesay-Williams Creek Hatchery complex which has supplied fish stocking to the White Mountain Apache Reservation for an equal period of time, and
- WHEREAS, this fish stocking and assistance is now threatened because of the proposed elimination of funding by February 25, 1985 to the Alchesay Fish Hatchery and the Fishery Assistance Office, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe declares that it is irrefutable that the fish hatcheries are critical to the economy of the tribe and the White Mountains in general and that the stocking and assistance must continue.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service continue to provide this much needed assistance in 1985 and the future.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it requests that the level of assistance continue at the 1984 level of \$365,000.00 for the Alchesay-Williams Creek complex and \$80,000.00 for the Fishery Assistance Office.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby directs that a representative of the Tribal Council shall meet in Washington, D. C. with the appropriate Congressional delegation, and Federal officials of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs to obtain the necessary urgent funding for these two critical hatcheries.

The foregoing resolution was on February 13, 1985 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 (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 on May 29, 1958, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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

Secretary of the Tribal Council