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

- WHEREAS, funding and operation of the two Federal Fish Hatcheries on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation continues to be problematic as testified to be the recent crisis regarding Fiscal Year 1985 funding, and
- WHEREAS, it appears that the preferred Federal solution is to close down one or both hatcheries, or to force the Tribe to fund and operate the hatcheries, neither solution being acceptable to the Tribe, and
- WHEREAS, continued stocking of game fish in reservation waters is vital to the Tribe's tourism program, and
- WHEREAS, there is no plan or study, written or otherwise, that examines the Tribe's future needs alternatives or options in fish stocking that considers the desirability of either the Tribe or the Bureau of Indian Affairs operating the hatcheries; or that investigates modes of hatchery operation different than that of the USFAWS.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests that the Bureau of Indian Affairs Agency fund such a study; that preparation of the scope of work of the study proposal be a joint effort of the local USF&WS and Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Recreation Enterprise; and that the Tribe's lead department in this effort be the Recreation Enterprise.

The foregoing resolution was on September 11, 1985 duly adopted by a vote of  $\underline{\phantom{a}}$  for and  $\underline{\phantom{a}}$  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).

Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council