

Resolution No. 07-87-227

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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is advised that Mr. Temple A. Reynolds, Director of the Arizona Game and Fish Department has sent a letter to Secretary of Interior Hodel on June 3, 1987, opposing a legislative proposal by the Bureau of Indian Affairs to include Indian Tribes as eligible participants of the terms of the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration (Pittman-Robertson) Act of 1937 and the Federal Aid in Sport Fishing Act (Dingell-Johnson) Act of 1950; and
- WHEREAS, in support of his opposition, Mr. Reynolds states that the Indian Tribes of Arizona do not contribute significantly to public recreation use in Arizona; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Reynolds statements are absolutely contrary to fact and previous stated positions of the Arizona Game and Fish Department; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache reservation contributes significantly to outdoor recreation and "Arizona's most important recreation area, the White Mountains," in that the Tribe has more fishing lakes (35) and more miles of stream (617) than the state, the national forests or private land owners combined; and
- WHEREAS, in 1986, fishermen spent one-quarter million days fishing on the reservation and hunters both of small and large game spent over one-thousand (1,000) hours hunting small game, birds, bear, mountain lion, and trophy elk; and
- WHEREAS, in the past the White Mountain Apache Tribe has received awards for conservation and game management and has donated thousands of brook trout, small mouth bass, Apache trout brood stock and other game to the state of Arizona as the need arose; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe is in need of additional monies for funding to perpetuate its successful game and fish management program; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concludes that Chairman Johnson should sent a letter to Secretary Hodel, with a copy of this resolution, requesting assistance in obtaining Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson funds and further advising Secretary Hodel that Mr. Reynold's letter of June 3, 1987, neither states the true facts nor honestly advises Secretary Hodel of the Tribe's

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substantial contributions to outdoor recreation in the State of Arizona.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Tribal Chairman to contact Secretary Hodel and advise him of the Tribal Council's position in respect to Mr. Reynold's letter and to further advise the Secretary of the facts giving rise to this resolution and the Tribe's need for federal funding from Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson funds.

The foregoing resolution was on JULY 13, 1987, duly adopted by a vote of ELEVEN FOR AND ZERO 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 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).

Alvin Hawthorn
Chairman of the Tribal Council

Maudie J. Craig
Secretary of the Tribal Council

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