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

- WHEREAS, An interest has been expressed by an off-reservation business for the purchase and removal of four million board feet of dead spruce timber within two years from the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, there is an estimated volume of 50 million board feet of standing dead spruce timber on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, the Fort Apache Timber Company is not able to utilize the dead spruce timber; and
- WHEREAS, utilization of the dead spruce timber will provide an additional source of stumpage income and logging employment for the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Forestry Committee has approved this proposal.
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is directed to prepare, appraise, advertise, sell and administer a dead spruce timber sale of four milion board feet, gross log scale, for purchase and harvest within two years following purchase by off-reservation parties; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Forester's concurrence and the involvement of Matthew Nozie be obtained in every phase of the sale; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Cone Darrell and anyone acting as his agent be denied the opportunity to bid upon or purchase any dead spruce timber on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation due to his prior violations of a tribal timber contract.

The foregoing resolution was on April 13, 1988, duly adopted by a vote of <u>SIX</u> for and <u>ONE</u> 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).

Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council