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

- WHEREAS, the poaching of deer and elk for their antlers is becoming a problem both on and off the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, the money offered by off Reservation dealers for deer and elk antlers has increased the incentive to poach an animal; and
- WHEREAS, disallowing the sale of any antlers except shed antlers or LEGALLY taken and TAGGED antlers should reduce the poaching problem; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council and the Game and Fish Department of the White Mountain Apache Tribe have the duty to protect Reservation wildlife; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concludes that Section 5.5 of the Tribal Game and Fish Code should be amended to prohibit the possession, transportation, or sale of any wildlife parts except those identified in the proposed amendment to the Game and Fish Code attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein and further to regulate who may collect shed antlers on the reservation.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that the proposed amendment to Section 5.5 of the Game and Fish Code be posted in each District by the Tribal Council Secretary for at least ten (10) days for public comment as well as in the Apache Scout in the form attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

The foregoing resolution was on April 11, 1991, duly adopted by a vote of nine 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 (f) 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).

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Secretary of the Tribal Council

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 5.5 OF THE GAME AND FISH CODE OF THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

SECTION 5.5 POSSESSION, STORAGE, SALE AND GIFT OF THE CARCASS OR PARTS OF WILDLIFE

- A. The carcass, or parts of the carcass, of wildlife lawfully obtained may be possessed by the person who took such wildlife, and may be placed in storage in accordance with the provisions of this Code. Possession of wildlife unlawfully obtained anywhere is unlawful.
- B. Except as provided by subsection(C)below, the purchase and/or sale by any person of any wild game taken on the Reservation, including amphibian, wild bird, or fish, or the possession of such purchased or sold game is unlawful.
- C. Heads;==horns;==antlers;==hides;==feet;==or=skin=of wildlife=lawfully=taken;=er=the=treated==or=meunted specimens==thereof;===may==bo==possesad==sold==and transported==ab==any==time;==except==that=migratory birds==and==porte==thereof==nay==he==possesaed==and transported==only===ir===accordance===with==fedoral regulations.
- C. It is illegal to possess, transport, or sell any wildlife parts except for:
 - 1. The tagged heads, horns, and antlers of lawfully taken wildlife.
 - 2. Treated or mounted wildlife specimens such as mounted heads or tanned hides.
 - 3. Shed antlers from whitetail deer, mule deer, or elk.
 - 4. The hides or skin of lawfully taken wildlife.
- Anyone buying antlers on the Reservation must have a Tribal Peddlers Permit and check in at the Game and Fish Department prior to purchasing wildlife parts. The Buyer must also keep a complete record of each transaction including: Sellers name and address, what was bought, how much (weight or number), vehicle license number, and date purchased. This report must be sent to Game and Fish Department within ten (10) days of the end of each month.
- I. Any untagged heads, horn, or antlers including those found in the woods commonly called "pickups"