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

- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has an extensive Recreation and Game and Fish Program known throughout the United States; and
- WHEREAS, due to conservation management by the Tribe, trophy big game hunting involving elk, mountain lion, and bear has established the White Mountain Apache Tribe as being in the forefront of game management; and
- WHEREAS, currently, non-member guides and skinners are used to some extent in the annual tribal trophy elk hunt and for bear and mountain lion hunts; and
- WHEREAS, due to the extensive unemployment rate on the reservation and the presence of tribal members who are skilled hunters and skinners with experience and knowledge of tribal forests and game, the Tribal Council concludes that all guide or skinner positions should be filled by tribal members.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that effective June 1, 1991, no guide license for the hunting of elk, bear or lion or for skinning or any other guide or skinner license shall be granted or issued to any non-member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that in the event non-member guides have paid a guide fee for this year, said guide shall be given a pro-rata refund of license fees paid or if they have not guided any hunts on the reservation pursuant to said feel shall be given a total refund of all license fees to date.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that a non-member who conducts guided hunts on the reservation or skins any game in violation of this resolution shall be deemed a trespasser and violator of tribal laws.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby directs the Tribal Attorney to draft appropriate amendments to the Tribal Game and Fish Code to eliminate provisions for non-member guides and skinners.

Resolution No. 05-91-143

The foregoing resolution was on May 24, 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) (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).

Acting Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council

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