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- whereas, there are a number of threatened and endangered species of animals and plants that have been listed or are being proposed for listing on the Fort Apache Indian reservation by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and, in most of these instances, critical habitat for these species is also being proposed; and
- whereas, Tribal and BIA responses to these proposed listings require extensive collection of information, informed analysis, and legal review to insure that these listings are appropriate and that the rights of the Tribe are being protected; and
- whereas, the Tribe is concerned that the harmony that exists between the White Mountain Apache Tribe and all other living things on the reservation be preserved and protected; and
- whereas, it is critical that there be extensive coordination among the agencies and departments involved in the submission of information the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding proposed actions that might impact threatened and endangered species on the reservation.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that an Interagency Endangered Species Task Force is hereby established to coordinate the collection of ESA related recommendation(s) information and reports, the analysis of ESA related date, and the dissemination of ESA related announcements, meeting notices, or requests for information.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that this Task Force will consist of the following members:

Joe Jojolla, Wildlife Biologist, Tribal Game & Fish Erv Kulosa, Tribal Forester Charles O'Hara, Tribal Planner Sylvia Cates, Assistant Tribal Attorney Keith Jones, Tribal Environmental Planner Russell Henry, Natural Resource Committee Chairman Don Geesling, Supervisory Forester, BIA Lyle Carlisle, Timber Sales, BIA Al Berreth, Environmental Health, IHS Tribal Council Members, Ex-officio

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Joe Jojolla will serve as Chairman of Interagency Task Force.

The foregoing resolution was on April 12, 1993, duly adopted by a vote of <u>ten</u> for and <u>zero</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).