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

- WHEREAS, Mr. Mark Saylors, a representative of Citizen Alliance for a Safe Economy has come before the Tribal Council this date, with information regarding a proposed Nuclear Power Plant in the White Mountain area; and
- whereas, the Tribal Council is concerned about the construction of a nuclear power plant in Navajo County, especially in the White Mountains, in view of accidents at Three Mile Island and Chernobyl and the massive cost overruns that have pushed many operators and developers of nuclear power to bankruptcy; and
- WHEREAS, the proposed nuclear plant will severely diminish the Coconino aquifer, will generate electricity which will not be utilized in Arizona and will diminish the valuable water resources of Indian and non-Indian communities in the White Mountains, and threaten the ecology of the entire region; and
- whereas, the promise of jobs that such a plant may bring will have little or no effect on unemployment in the White Mountain area as most jobs will be imported from outside the White Mountains for the skilled job categories required of a nuclear Plant; and
- WHEREAS, the Coconino Aquifer is the largest underground body of water in Arizona and no U.S. nuclear plant has ever been constructed on top of an Aquifer; and
- whereas, the risk of nuclear power plants, effect of radiation, cost effectiveness of the Nuclear Industry, health, safety and environmental concerns, negative impact on the water supply and water quality, negative impact on tourism, recreational industries and problems with transporting, storing and final disposition of nuclear waste outweigh the neglible benefits of a nuclear power plant in the White Mountains.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby expresses its unequivocal opposition to the planning and construction of a nuclear plant in the White Mountains for the reasons expressed in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by Tribal Council that it opposes the secrecy surrounding the construction of the nuclear plant including the identity of the proponents of said plant in view of the grave dangers to the public, the environment and the White Mountain region.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>August 18, 1993</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>nine</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 (a) (f) (t) (u) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws 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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