

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

- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe adopted Resolution 08-93-223 on August 18, 1993 opposing the planning and construction of a nuclear plant in the White Mountains because of the inherent risk of nuclear power plants, negative effects of radiation, dubious 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 the transportation, storage and final disposition of nuclear waste, all of which outweigh the negligible benefits of a nuclear power plant in the White Mountains; and
- WHEREAS,** the people of the White Mountain Apache Tribe find the presence of nuclear materials and nuclear weapons facilities within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and in the White Mountain Region in conflict with the maintenance of the Tribe's health, environmental quality, economic well-being and general welfare; and
- WHEREAS,** the importation and establishment of a nuclear power plant in the White Mountains threatens to bring misery and death and a toxic legacy for the next generation and for many generations to come; and
- WHEREAS,** in many cases, indigenous people have suffered and continue to suffer the most from radiation sickness, immune system difficulties, genetic destruction, cancer and death due to the development and use of nuclear technologies; and
- WHEREAS,** over 4,533 local communities in the United States and worldwide, 25 nations and the regions of the Antarctic, Latin America, and the South Pacific have been declared nuclear free zones; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1992 during the Third Annual Indigenous Environmental Network Conference, a resolution was developed and supported by conference participants that called for total opposition to the proposal by the U.S. Government for "monitored retrievable storage" of radioactive waste on Native American lands; and

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WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe concludes that it is in the best interest of the people, land and resources of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal lands of the White Mountain Apache Tribe be declared a nuclear free zone banning all nuclear activities, including but not limited to uranium mining, uranium milling, fuel wrought assembly, nuclear power plants, nuclear weapons productions plants, nuclear weapons development, deployment and testing, transporting of radioactive materials and nuclear waste storage and disposal; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council urges the United States Government to use its vast resources to develop clean, renewable energy resources in order to create jobs that maintain the traditional Native American values of caretaking and balance with natural creation.

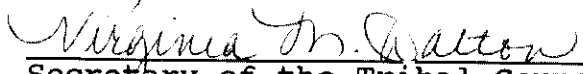
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby declares the Fort Apache Indian Reservation a nuclear free zone and that all nuclear activities, including but not limited to uranium mining, uranium milling, fuel wrought assembly, nuclear power plants, nuclear weapons production plants, nuclear weapons development, deployment and testing, transporting of radioactive materials and nuclear waste storage and disposal is hereby prohibited and banned from within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it urges the United States Government to take immediate efforts to develop clean, renewable energy sources for the creation of jobs that maintain the traditional Native American values of caretaking and balance with natural creation rather than the promotion of nuclear power plants in the White Mountain Region which will threaten the health and welfare of all living things within the region.

The foregoing resolution was on September 09, 1993, duly adopted by a vote of eight 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 (a) (f) (i) (t) (u) 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