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

- WHEREAS, Councilmember Randall Massey, Jr. in his general report advises the Tribal Council of the ongoing problem of safe drinking water on the Reservation; and
- whereas, the Council acknowledges recent obstacles to obtaining sufficient and adequate safe drinking water for the people, due in part to the intervention of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, which has obstructed a proposed water diversion project by IHS on the North Fork of Whiteriver which would provide additional drinking water; and
- whereas, the consequences of consuming unsafe drinking water are well known on the Reservation as unsafe drinking water undermines the general health of the population and especially that of children; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Massey requests that the Tribal Council direct Indian Health Services to drill safe drinking water wells to enhance the Reservation drinking water supply; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concurs in said request.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Indian Health Service to explore and drill wells to provide adequate and safe drinking water for the various communities within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation sufficient to meet the needs of all reservation residents.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>January 05, 1994</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 IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (i), (j), (s), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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