

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


- WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council is advised that HR2555 has been recently introduced by Congressional Representatives from the States of New Mexico, Arizona, Idaho, Colorado and Oregon, a copy of which is attached to this resolution and incorporated by reference herein; and
- WHEREAS**, said proposed Bill purports to preserve the authority of states over waters within their boundaries and delegates authority of the Congress to the states to regulate water for other purposes; and
- WHEREAS**, HR2555, if adopted by the 104th Congress, would subject aboriginal water rights and aboriginal lands themselves to hostile control and management by the various Western states, including the State of Arizona; and
- WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribe regards HR2555 as a direct and immediate threat to tribal sovereignty and to the aboriginal water rights of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribe requests that the Arizona Congressional delegation not support this Bill which would amount to an outright theft of aboriginal water rights from the White Mountain Apache Tribe and other Indian Tribes within the State of Arizona; and
- WHEREAS**, said proposed Bill violates the sacred obligation of Congress to preserve and protect Indian lands and people from state encroachment; and
- WHEREAS**, without life sustaining water, Indian tribes will cease to exist on their aboriginal lands which they have occupied since time immemorial.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests that the Arizona Congressional delegation withdraw any support it might have for HR2555 and that it oppose passage of this ill-advised and dishonorable proposed law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby directs Chairman Ronnie Lupe to utilize his good offices to the extent feasible and possible to oppose HR2555 and to seek the support of the Arizona Congressional delegation and other members of Congress, to oppose and defeat HR2555.

The foregoing resolution was on November 9, 1995 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 IV, Section 1 (a), (c), (f), (i), (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).



Chairman of the Tribal Council



Secretary of the Tribal Council