


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

- WHEREAS**, the Arizona Game and Fish Department has requested permission from the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to continue its Bald Eagle Nestwatch Program on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and seek renewal of the annual permit to continue said operation; and
- WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council supports recovery of the Bald Eagle in the Southwest and in Arizona and concurs with the goals of the Bald Eagle Nestwatch Program, which is a component of the Arizona Bald Eagle Management Program; and
- WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council concludes that it would be in the best interest for preservation of the bald eagle to allow the Arizona Game and Fish Department to continue its Bald Eagle Nestwatch Program on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS**, this coming year, the State of Arizona has requested permission to take fish and egg samples to determine why eagle eggs are not hatching; and
- WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council does not wish to extend the permit to include authorization to collect eggs and fish samples as that aspect of the study should be conducted by the Tribal Game and Fish Department biologists; and
- WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council reaffirms its request that the Bald Eagle Nestwatch program, conducted by the State of Arizona on tribal lands, include tribal members as part of the team, should there be an interest from tribal members to so participate in the project.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby grants a renewal of the annual permit to the Arizona Game and Fish Department to continue its Bald Eagle Nestwatch Program on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation for a period of one year from the date of this Resolution.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that it hereby denies permission for members of the Arizona Game and Fish Department, or their agents, who are participating in the Bald Eagle Nestwatch, to collect egg and fish samples, that being more properly the responsibility of the Tribal Game and Fish Department.

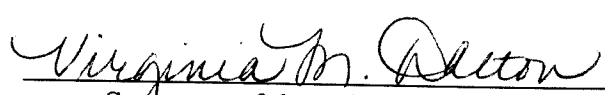
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it directs the Tribal Game and Fish Department to attempt to recruit tribal members to participate in the Bald Eagle Nestwatch Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby directs the Tribal Game and Fish Director to ensure that all members of the Arizona Bald Eagle Nestwatch Team sign permit agreement forms prior to conducting nestwatch activities on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; said permit forms to be in the possession of the Bald Eagle Nestwatch Program employees or participants at all times, with a copy to remain on file with the Tribal Game and Fish Director's office.

The foregoing resolution was on December 6, 1995 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 IV, Section 1 (a), (f), (i), (m), (q), (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