

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

WHEREAS, over the past several years, environmentalists and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have been working to establish a population of Mexican Grey Wolves in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, in other regions of the country, such as New Mexico, Montana and the Carolinas, there has been much controversy concerning the benefits of the reintroduction of the wolf; and

WHEREAS, in a prior resolution, No. 12-95-371, the Tribal Council noted that the introduction of this species in our area would conflict with the Tribe's comprehensive management of the reservation and would undercut the efforts of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation Division, the Endangered Species Task Force, and the Natural Resource Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is a major producer of beef cattle for sale and domestic consumption, through its tribal livestock associations and the Tribal Herd at ID Ranch; and

WHEREAS, a mature wolf consumes approximately 1,400 pounds of fresh meat per year; and


WHEREAS, the wolf introduction would harm the Tribe's considerable efforts to produce market quality cattle, and such harm would far outweigh any benefits from the introduction of the wolves in our region.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it agrees with the recommendations of the White Mountain Apache Range Task Force and hereby opposes introduction of the Mexican Grey Wolf in the Blue Range area in Eastern Arizona.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Arizona Game and Fish Department be notified immediately of our action by letter to their directors, with copies to the Arizona Congressional Delegation.

Resolution No. 12-95-385

The foregoing resolution was on December 20, 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), (g), (l), (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