

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

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has raised concerns regarding the hunting season previously proposed for black bear by the Wildlife & Outdoor Recreation Division (W&ORD). The season dates proposed were January 1, 2000 - December 31, 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, the W&ORD was directed to prepare a report to address the management of black bear on the reservation and to discuss biological and harvest data that has been compiled over the years; and

**WHEREAS**, the W&ORD prepared and submitted to the Tribal Council the requested information regarding black bear management on the White Mountain Apache Reservation; and includes discussion of information pertaining to black bear, their biology, harvest, proposed season dates, and management objects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council has discussed with W&ORD the goals and objectives for the harvest of bears; and presented revised hunting season recommendations for the 2000 season; and

**WHEREAS**, those recommendations call for 1) a continuation of data collection efforts, 2) maintaining a data base for depredation and problem bears, 3) maintaining a harvest objective of 100 bears; and 4) posting season dates of April 1, 2000 through November 15, 2000 and a closed bear season of November 16, 2000 through March 31, 2001.

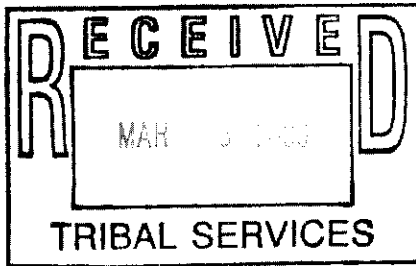
**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it approves the recommendations as presented in WORD report, for a period of one year, after which the season dates, harvest and management goals and objectives will be reviewed in order to ensure that black bear populations on the reservation are being properly managed and that cultural concerns are being met with regard to bear harvest.

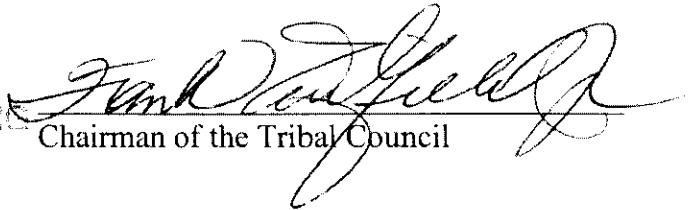
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that under the report adopted by the Council the Bear Hunting Season for Non-member shall be April 1, 2000 through November 15, 2000.

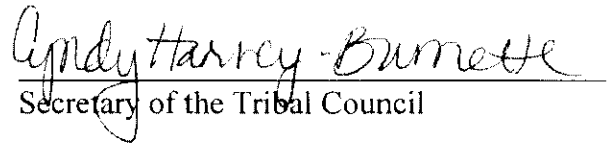
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it approves the W&ORD's recommendation to develop a network and process by which problem and depredation bear can be donated to other Indian Tribes for

cultural reasons.

The foregoing resolution was on November 3, 1999 duly adopted by a vote of SIX for and ONE against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (f), (h), (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).



ACTING   
Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
Secretary of the Tribal Council