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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation Division and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have strived for years to resolve the problems of winter fish kills in Sunrise Lake and other lakes on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, Sunrise Lake represents one of the most important tourist destinations on the Reservation because of its scenic beauty, developed infrastructure, and capacity to produce large trout; and
- WHEREAS, no comprehensive scientific study of the lake's water chemistry and hydrology has been completed to develop information necessary to resolve the fish kill problem; and
- WHEREAS, Cheryl Pailzote, a Tribal member and graduate student in Renewable Natural Resources Program at the University of Arizona, and a long-standing intern with the Tribal Hydrology and Water Resources Program, has expressed interest in studying Sunrise Lake as part of her Master's degree requirements; and
- WHEREAS, Cheryl Pailzote has successfully recruited funding from the BIA Fellowship program to support her research efforts at not cost to the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the results of Ms. Pailzote's work will provide valuable information to the Tribal Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation Division and to the management of Sunrise Ski Park for the optimum management of the Sunrise Lake fishery to maximize healthy and sustainable trout production.
- **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves under authority of Public Law 93-638, Cheryl Pailzote's research proposal for a comprehensive limnological study of Sunrise Lake to evaluate the factors influencing fish production and the possible treatments for correcting the recurring problem of winter fish kills.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that Ms. Pailzote may publish her study in a Master's Thesis as part of the requirements for her Master's degree at the University of Arizona provided that the thesis draft receive legal review and approval by the Tribal Attorney or his designee and review and approval by the Cultural Advisory Board prior to publication.

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The foregoing resolution was on August 1, 2001 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), (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