

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving the Stocking of Negative Tested Fish)

- **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("USFWS") notified the Tribe that fish in the Alchesay/Williams Creek National fish hatcheries have tested positive for renibacterium salomoinarum; a chronic bacterial disease commonly known as the bacterial kidney disease; and
- WHEREAS, USFWS also informed the Tribe that all fish testing positive for *renibacterium* salomoinarum were destroyed and it has been recommended that the fish contained in the individual lots that remain free of disease be stocked into put and take waters; and
- WHEREAS, a group of juvenile brook trout were too small to be tested and it is recommended that these fish be stocked into a closed system body of water; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe concurs with the recommendation provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the request to stock the fish that tested negative for bacterial kidney disease and that the juvenile brook trout not tested be stocked into a closed system body of water.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>APRIL 19, 2016</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>EIGHT</u> for, <u>ZERO</u> against, and <u>ONE</u> abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman

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Ooreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

Date