

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

- WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Interior has trust responsibilities of all Indian Trust land, and
- WHEREAS, we look to the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Indian Affairs to protect our interest in these trust responsibilities of Indian land and natural resource, and
- WHEREAS, President Nixon's speech of 1970 implied the Indian was to have less restriction and more freedom in developing their resource, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe feels that the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 was just in saying that Indian lands were essentially private lands and policy inapplicable, and
- WHEREAS, there is an injustice in not considering Indian lands as private lands and forcing us to submit environmental Impact Statements as though Indian lands were federal lands, and
- WHEREAS, this action gives private lands a great advantage of freedom over tribal trust lands, and
- WHEREAS, the Department is not supplying us additional staff and funds to compensate for the increased work required, and
- WHEREAS, the case of DAVIS v MORTON was denied review by the Supreme Court of the United States.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Council thinks that a great injustice has been done to Indian trust lands in forcing the submission of environmental impact statements whereas private lands are not required to do so.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Interior make every effort to properly fund the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Agency and Area levels to assure that other programs in progress will not suffer from transfer of funds.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Interior use every way possible to seek a review of DAVIS v MORTON by the Supreme Court of the United States and have declared as private lands all tribal Indian trust lands for the use of determination of application of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The foregoing resolution was on April 4, 1973 duly adopted by a vote of 10 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (1) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 1958 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1958, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



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