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

- WHEREAS, the Predatory Control Program on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation is not large enough to effectively control predators, and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has one trained trapper and two trainees, and
- WHEREAS, it is of great concern to the White Mountain Apache Tribe because the control program protects residents of the reservation, visitors to the reservation and the livestock that is the livelihood of a great percentage of the population, and
- WHEREAS, the threat of rabies is very evident and a constant hazard to both human and animal, and
- WHEREAS, the most serious threat is the feral dogs roaming the reservation, and
- WHEREAS, it is estimated that about four thousand (4,000) feral dogs live upon the reservation, and
- WHEREAS, in the past two (2) weeks, the dogs have destroyed nine (9) head of cattle, and
- WHEREAS, only thirty (30) dogs have been taken by mechanical means that are traps suitable to the environmental protection agency, and
- WHEREAS, the Public Health Service reported to the Manager of the Recreation Enterprise that they were averaging one dog bite per day, and
- WHEREAS, in order to control the population explosion of feral dogs and coyotes, the only effective control seem to be 1,080 or other poisons that can be used without the large expenditure for labor.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that permission be given for the use of 1080 poison or other suitable position.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bureau of Sport Fishery Predatory Control Office furnish a full time trapper to the reservation with permission to use 1080 poison or other similar poison and train the Tribal Trapper employees the use of the poison
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we solicit the assistance of the Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of Agriculture, Congress and all entities of the Government to assist us in protecting our reservation residents, visitors to the reservation and our livestock industry.

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The foregoing resolution was on May 7, 1975 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 (i) 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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