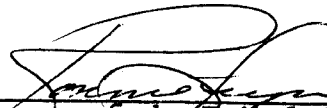


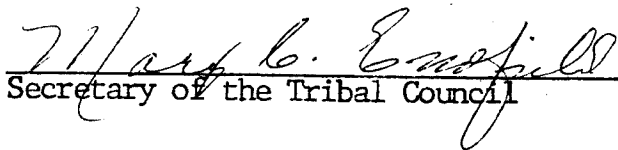
RESOLUTION OF THE  
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE  
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is aware that Proposed Rules, 25 CFR Parts 171, 177, 182, and 183, regarding Mining on Indian Lands (Mineral Development Contracts) have been published in the Federal Register, March 30, 1977 and comments thereon are requested, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has reviewed and considered said regulations, upon recommendation of its legal department, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds the Proposed Regulations abhorrent to the legal principles of greater Indian self-determination, and greater tribal responsibility in the development and management of Indian minerals, acknowledged, at least, in the Notice of the Proposed Rules themselves, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council denounces the acts of the Department of the Interior, by and through said proposed rules, to interfere in tribal contractual relations, particularly its pending contractual mining agreement; to inhibit tribal responsibility and participation by delegating same to United States Geological Survey; to impede tribally-self-asserted progress and development, even to the level of minor contracts, such as for the excavation of gravel or sand for tribally-beneficial roads and housing development; and to deny, without cause, the Tribal Government's integrity, capability and continuous efforts to manage and develop its resources with the deepest respect and professionalism of an indigenous and prospering people.
- BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe hereby urges the defeat of Proposed Regulations, 25 CFR Parts 171, 177, 182 and 183 with all the vehemence and force of Tribal Self-Determination, Tribal Self-Government, and Tribal Responsibility verbalized by the Federal Government, supported in sound law and principle, and believed in by the Apache People.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council therefore files this its objection to the passage of such Proposed Regulations and authorizes the Tribal Chairman to take any and all action necessary to enforce the purposes of this Resolution.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council further requests the assistance of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in carrying out this Resolution and defeating the legalization of such Proposed Rules, and the advice of the Commissioner on public hearing dates regarding same.

The foregoing resolution was on June 1, 1977 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).



Chairman of the Tribal Council



Secretary of the Tribal Council

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