


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

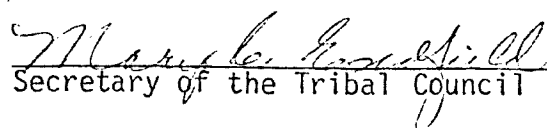
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe continues to assert its immemorial and Winter's Doctrine rights to waters on the reservation and within the Salt River, and
- WHEREAS, the protection of Tribal rights to water may involve litigation or Congressional action in addition to current negotiations with Salt River Project regarding disputed water claims, and
- WHEREAS, public pressure and public influence are strong determining factors respecting Congressional action or litigation, as well as negotiation, involving natural resource issues, and
- WHEREAS, the Salt River Project has been, and continues, waging a strong public information campaign designed to promote its interests in the State of Arizona by utilizing all forms of mass media, and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe, through its Water Rights Committee, desires to promote and protect the interests of the Tribe in its water resource to the extent possible and the Tribe further desires to offset Salt River Project's public information campaign to the extent possible, and
- WHEREAS, the Department of Interior, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, has acknowledged its trust responsibilities to the White Mountain Apache Tribe in the Tribe's preservation of its water rights and resources.

BE IT RESOLVED by the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council that it respectfully requests the urgent and necessary federal funding assistance to enable the Tribe to engage in a vital public information campaign designed to promote the interests of the Tribe in protecting its water resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman to initiate communications with Assistant Secretary Forrest Gerard for the purpose of securing the sum of \$40,000.00 to be used in this public information campaign.

The foregoing resolution was on December 13, 1978 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 (f & 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