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

- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is committed to the protection of its natural resources; particularly water for present and future uses, and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is also committed to the health and well being of its tribal members, and
- WHEREAS, existing solid waste disposal sites are hazards to the health and well being of tribal members and Reservation residents and may be classed as 'open burning dumps', and
- WHEREAS, these disposal sites both on personal and on community property endanger health by polluting waters of the Reservation, releasing smoke, possibly toxic, to the air over the Reservation, threatening spreading fires and forest fires, supporting a large population of stray dogs, cats, horses, rodents, flies and other organisms which spread disease, litter road and dump sites with hazards to collectors, disposers and their vehicles, and
- WHEREAS, the litter smoke and odors around yards and waste collection sites are unpleasant to residents and visitors, and
- WHEREAS, the most economical solution to the existing health hazards and unpleasant conditions is the establishment of a collection system that provides weekly collection to all residents and a Sanitary Landfill that provides safe disposal and a daily cover of wastes with earth, and
- WHEREAS, such a minimal system is described in the attached <u>Proposed Solid Waste Disposal Strategy</u>, and
- WHEREAS, both the Health Education and Welfare Committee and the Citizen's Advisory Group to the Water Quality Management Planning Department have voted unanimous support for this <u>Proposed Strategy</u> without specifying funding sources, and
- WHEREAS, residents have no significant alternative to the present situation without Council action, and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is in need of assistance from the Trustee United States, acting through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, to fund the initial capital costs for the attached Proposed Solid Waste Strategy, and
- WHEREAS, these initial capital costs are herein estimated at \$760,000.



BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Council, acting through its Administrative Manager and Water Quality Management Planning Director take all steps necessary to obtain from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, \$760,000 for the purpose of initiating the Sanitary Landfill and the Solid Waste Collection System over a period of two years, for the protection of water quality, reservation health and well being at the lowest possible cost.

The foregoing resolution was on August 6, 1981 duly adopted by a vote of 6 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).

Acting Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council