

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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has been presented with a petition filed by 111 people from the Cibecue area requesting that the Tribal Council authorize a change in the Fish and Game regulations pertaining to bag limits, season, and permissible sex of the animal to be taken for mule deer, white tail deer, elk and turkey; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has heard considerable testimony from persons who filed the petition and has entertained lengthy discussions with the Director of the Fish and Game Department, the Tribal Attorney, and the Petitioners as to the wisdom of granting the request set forth in the petition; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council sincerely appreciates the concern of the petitioners for a change in the Fish and Game regulations; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has also been advised by the Tribal Attorney and the Director of the Fish and Game Department that granting the petitioner's request without a scientific and game biological study might jeopardize the Federal District lawsuit between the White Mountain Apache Tribe and the State of Arizona; and
- WHEREAS, the first and foremost, the protection of game and scientific game management within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation for the protection of future generations of the White Mountain Apache people is paramount in importance; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concludes that at this time further study is necessary before it can grant in good faith the petition to change the hunting regulations pertaining to mule deer, white tail deer, elk and turkey as requested by the petitioners.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby denies at this time, until further scientific study, the request of the petitioners to change the bag limits, hunting, and permissible sex of the game taken for mule deer, white tail deer, elk and turkey.

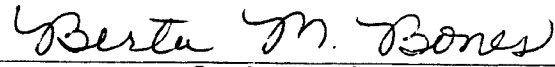
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that if a scientific biological game study authorizes and justifies a change in the bag limits and permissible kill of the afore named game animals, the petitioners will be so advised.

The foregoing resolution was on November 5, 1981, duly adopted by a vote of 2 for and 8 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (f and 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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