

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

WHEREAS, from time immemorial the Papago People have known the Baboquivari as the center of Mother Earth and the dwelling of I'ittoi, the Creator, and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of the Papago People that desecration of the Mountain would lead to their destruction and the end of the universe, and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Interior has announced plans to withdraw lands comprising the eastern slope of the Baboquivari Peak from wilderness status, and

WHEREAS, the Papago Tribe has voiced its concern that such action will result in the desecration of the Sacred Site, and

WHEREAS, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978 established a national policy to protect and preserve for American Indian access to, and the use and possession of, sacred and ceremonial sites and objects.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby condemns the action of the Secretary of the Interior as a callous act reflecting a lack of sensitivity of the spiritual traditions of the Papago People.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the White Mountain Apache Tribe strongly supports the request of the Papago People to transfer the eastern slope of Baboquivari to the Papago Reservation.

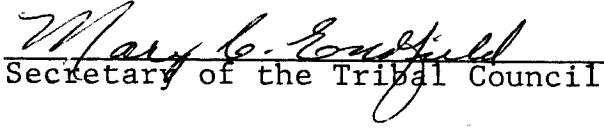
The foregoing resolution was on March 15, 1983 duly adopted by a vote of 10 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to its authority vested in Article V, Section 1 (i) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 1958 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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