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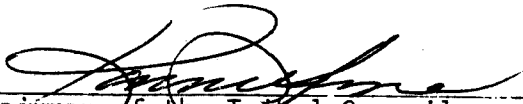
FORT APACHE INDIAN
AGENCY


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

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- 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, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has undertaken an extensive program involving the utilization, conservation, preservation and protection of its invaluable rights to the use of water in the Salt River and its tributaries which arise upon, traverse, border and underlie the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has declared its need to establish water quality standards (Resolution No. 81-139); and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has adopted a "White Mountain Apache Water Quality Ordinance" with the intent to protect Reservation residents and visitors from the harmful effects of polluted water on their health and welfare; and
- WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress has enacted the "Safe Drinking Water Act," P.L. 93-593, as amended; and
- WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, as administrating agency for the "Safe Drinking Water Act," makes grant funds available for the operation and maintenance of community and non-community public water systems; and
- WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has the primary implementation role for establishing and maintaining National Interim Primary Drinking Water Regulations in those areas where states do not have civil jurisdiction; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe participates in the responsibility to maintain and supply potable water to the Reservation public; and
- WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has formally stated that any public water supply inventory data pertaining to water quantification is discretionary.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that P.L. 93-593, the "Safe Drinking Water Act," be adopted in principle for the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that tribal participation under "Safe Drinking Water Act" programs precludes any water quantity data as a part of any grant requirements.

The foregoing resolution was on April 7, 1983, 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 & u) of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws 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


ACTING Secretary of the Tribal Council