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

- WHEREAS, by previous Resolution No. 84-227, adopted October 10, 1981, which the Tribal Council hereby reaffirms, the White Mountain Apache Tribe adamantly opposed designating the Salt River, which arises on the Tribal homeland of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, now known as the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, as a Wild and Scenic River pursuant to the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1278), and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council had previously been advised and assured that the Salt River would not be included as a river designated to be studied for inclusion in the Wild and Scenic River System, and
- WHEREAS, the Forest Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture has established a final rule to carry out the purposes, scope and application of Section 7 of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to become effective February 15, 1984, and
- WHEREAS, this final rule list in its appendix a list of Wild and Scenic Rivers and study rivers, wholly or in part, under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture and said list includes the Salt River in Arizona, and
- WHEREAS, inclusion of the Salt River as s study river pursuant to the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act may seriously hamper, denigrate and obstruct water resources development and projects on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby reaffirms its prior Resolution No. 81-227 opposing inclusion of the Salt River as a study river pursuant to the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that this resolution be forwarded immediately to Special Counsel, William H. Veeder, of Washington, D. C. with a request to take such action as is necessary to remove the Salt River as a designated study river pursuant to the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

The foregoing resolution was on February 02, 1984 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, h, 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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FORT APACHE INDIAN AGENCY WHITERIVER, ARIZ. Chairman of the Tribal Council

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