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WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE  
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

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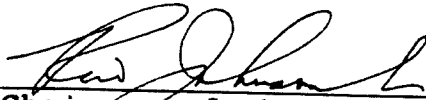
- WHEREAS, American Indian Tribes negotiated treaties with the United States; relinquishing control of land and natural resources of uncalculable value; and
- WHEREAS, Tribal Governments were assured of United States protection of their trust resources as determined in those sovereign treaties; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is advised that the Internal Revenue Service since 1982, has attempted to impose federal taxes on Northwest tribal fishermen's income derived from their treaty-protected fisheries resource; and
- WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior Solicitor Coldiron, determined in a September 21, 1983, opinion that, "the Stevens treaties reserved to the Indians the right to fish free from taxation, including Federal Income Taxation"; and
- WHEREAS, Secretary of the Interior, Donald Hodel, in a February 22, 1985, letter to Secretary of the Treasury Baker, concluded "that Indian income from commercial fishing under the treaties with the Northwest tribes should not be subject to Federal Income Tax"; and
- WHEREAS, the Department of the Treasury and its Internal Revenue Service Agency continue to disregard the principles of sovereign treaties and established law; and
- WHEREAS, the Treasury Department's insistence on their ill-advised attempt to tax income derived from trust resources ultimately threatens the treaty-protected resources of all American Indian people.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it adamantly opposes the unlawful actions and harrassments of the Department of the Treasury and demands that the United States uphold the principles of law and honor and its committment to the American Indian people by halting these illegal actions by its Internal Revenue Service, and further urges all Tribal Governments to take whatever actions are necessary and appropriate to voice their unified opposition to this subversion of principles between established governments.

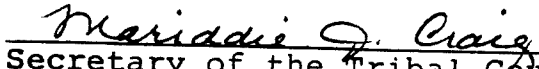
The foregoing resolution was on August 21, 1986, duly adopted by a vote of 10 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe pursuant to authority vested in it by

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Article V, Section 1 (i) 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).

  
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Chairman of the Tribal Council

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