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

- WHEREAS, it is recommended to the Tribal Council that the Smith Cienega area be completely closed to public access in order to facilitate the reforestation of that area; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council further considers the Smith Cienega area as a sacred area which in the past has been subject to clear cut timber practices; and
- WHEREAS, the complete closure of the Smith Cienega area will provide a sanctuary for elk, will allow the grass to be restored and the area to be reforested; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concurs in the recommendation that Smith Cienega be closed to all public access and timber operations.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the complete closure of the Smith Cienega area in order to achieve restoration of grasses and reforestation, and to provide a sanctuary for elk and other wildlife.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it directs the Tribal Game & Fish Department to determine the boundaries of the area to be closed and to enforce said closure through posting and other enforcement means.

The foregoing resolution was on June 4, 1987, duly adopted by a vote of SIX for and ONE against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by 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).

Chairman of the Tribal Council

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Secretary of the Tribal Council