Resolution No. 07-89-185

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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council at its Special Council meeting on July 19, 1989, reviewed at length a comprehensive report on the severe drought situation on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation with the Tribal Livestock Associations, Tribal Land Board Members, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and
- WHEREAS, the lack of rainfall within the past one-hundred twenty days has severely affected the livestock grazing areas of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation in the mountainous terrain and in the lower elevations; and
- WHEREAS, due to the drought the river beds, wells, streams and water tanks are dry and many areas having year round water are threatened creating an emergency need in transporting of water to areas throughout the reservation; and
- WHEREAS, the emergency situation will continue into the winter months if proper feed and water supply is not made available for the livestock throughout the eleven (11) Livestock Associations of which nine-thousand (9,000) cattle are suffering; and
- WHEREAS, the danger to tribal cattle and wildlife, the situation has reached a critical porportions as to the cattle and relief must be immediate if further losses are to be curtailed.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache tribe that a state of emergency is hereby declared to exist across the entire territory of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, and the reservation is further declared to be a disaster area.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Chairman, Reno Johnson, Sr., is hereby designated to coordinate with State and Bureau of Indian Affairs officials in securing aid for the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby urges Arizona Governor Rose Mofford to declare the Fort Apache Indian Reservation a disaster area and also requests of the State of Arizona and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, that emergency assistance be given the White Mountain Apache Tribe through all available means designed to alleviate

the emergency situation which now exists on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. More specifically, aid is required in purchasing and transporting hay and feed to the Tribe's approximately nine-thousand head of cattle located throughout the remote regions of the reservation and in providing water in storage tanks for livestock use.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council urges the Arizona Congressional Delegation to support Arizona Governor Rose Mofford in declaring the Fort Apache Indian Reservation to be a disaster areas and to use their good offices to secure financial relief designed to alleviate the emergency situation now prevailing on the reservation.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>July 19, 1989</u>, duly adopted by a vote of ten for and zero 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).

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Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council

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