

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

- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, located within the boundaries of the State of Arizona; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe wishes to exercise its jurisdiction over the management of fish, wildlife and recreation resources within the reservation boundaries by developing new and/or expanding upon existing professional management capabilities; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has learned, through communication with the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society (NAFWS), of the existence of Federal fish, wildlife and recreation enhancement funding opportunities through the Federal Aid in Sport Fish & Wildlife Restoration Program (Dingell-Johnson/Pittman-Robertson/Wallop-Breaux), the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, the Land and Water Conservation Act programs, et al, and further understands that these programs currently are not available for Tribal management of fish, wildlife and recreation resources which nonavailability is inequitable and discriminatory; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe wishes to exercise the government-to-government relationship that is currently administrative policy as defined under the provisions of P.L. 93-638 Indian Self-Determination Act; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe holds beneficial title to the resources on over 1.6 million acres of land providing thousands of man days of religious, subsistence, recreational, and commercial activities for Tribal members and visitors; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe with the technical assistance of its Game and Fish Department and the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society, has developed a management project that will enhance the wildlife populations of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, and the recreational and subsistence uses for reservation residents and visitors.

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BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe hereby requests that federal funding available to federal fish & wildlife programs be made available to tribal governments to conduct fisheries and wildlife management activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe requests that an equitable mechanism be established to distribute federal funds to tribal governments for participation in all federal fish, wildlife and recreational enhancement programs, especially the Dingell-Johnson/Pittman-Robertson/Wallop-Breaux, North American Wetlands Conservation Act, and the Land and Water Conservation Act, etc;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the White Mountain Apache Tribe supports the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society in its efforts to provide technical services to tribal governments in the development of sound professional fish and wildlife and recreation management initiatives

The foregoing resolution was on February 22, 1990, duly adopted by a vote of eight 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 (c) 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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Acting Chairman of the Tribal Council

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Secretary of the Tribal Council

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