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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is presently faced with a financial crisis of grave magnitude due to prior borrowing, spending practices and lack of fiscal controls exercised by the prior administration which resulted in the dissipation of tribal cash reserves; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council pursuant to prior Resolution No. 86-180 scheduled a reduction of the Tribe's annual allowable cut from 1986 through 1990 due to overcutting practices stemming from the BIA's previous marking policy; and
- WHEREAS, Resolution No. 86-180 was enacted by the Tribal Council to reduce the allowable cut in conformity with the actual annual growth of the Tribe's forest; and
- WHEREAS, The Fort Apache Timber Company has initiated drastic measures to reduce its operating costs but that unless the annual allowable cut is temporarily increased, the sawmill cannot be operated at a financial profit; and
- WHEREAS, in consideration of ongoing litigation against the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Department of Interior for overcutting the Tribe's forest, the present cashflow crisis, financial status of Fort Apache Timber Company cash reserves and the need for the White Mountain Apache Tribe to survive economically, the Tribal Council concludes that the previously scheduled reduction of the annual allowable cut must be relaxed temporarily until such time as the Tribe recovers from the present financial crisis; and
- WHEREAS, the 1986 annual allowable cut reduced the BIA's prior annual allowable cut figure of 93 million board feet to 75.2 million board feet net log scale; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concludes that it must return to a 75.2 million board feet cut on a temporary basis for this fiscal year to enable the Tribe to survive economically.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that based upon the foregoing reasons, it hereby authorizes an annual allowable cut this fiscal year of 75.2 million board feet net log scale.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>June 13, 1990</u>, duly adopted by a vote of <u>SEVEN</u> for and <u>ZERO</u> 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

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