

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

**WHEREAS**, the United States House of Representatives, on June 20, 1996, by a vote of 216 to 206, adopted an amendment to the Interior appropriations bill which would permit state governments to impose state and local taxes on retail establishments operating on all new land taken into federal trust status; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation has been sent to the Senate for consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation grants broad and sweeping powers to state governments to reach into tribal land to withdraw revenue and reduce economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation would also drive a wedge between portions of tribal trust lands granting greater state access and control to specified portions of tribal land at the expense of Indian tribes; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation could pave the way for further state encroachment upon Indian lands; and


**WHEREAS**, the legislation would repeat an unfortunate pattern in federal Indian policy of carving up Indian lands as a prelude to terminating tribal ownership and control; and


**WHEREAS**, to reduce the harmful consequences of growing and aggressive efforts at tax collection on tribal lands by state governments, our federal legislature, if it takes any action in this area, should ban state taxation on tribal lands rather than seeking to facilitate and promote such actions, as found in this legislation.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby expresses its strong opposition to the Istook Amendment to the Interior Appropriations Bill.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it directs that this resolution and an explanatory letter from the Tribal Chairman be sent to the members of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee and the Senate Interior Appropriations Committee.

The foregoing resolution was on July 11, 1996, duly adopted by a vote of nine for and zero against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by the White Mountain Apache Tribal Constitution, including Article IV, Sections 1(a), (c), (f), (i), (s), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe on September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

  
Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
Secretary of the Tribal Council

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