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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is advised of the status of the investigative well drilling project previously authorized by the Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Attorney advises that the Tribe's Water Rights Consultants and Experts have constructed one monitoring well in the Pinetop/Lakeside area, that a second well was drilled but that it is not feasible to install monitoring equipment in said well and that the experts are now requesting permission to proceed with a third well in the upper log campground area; and
- WHEREAS, the council is advised that there is a balance in the casino fund previously appropriated for said purpose, but that an additional \$15,000 may be necessary to complete the monitoring well and to purchase monitoring equipment for the well; and
- WHEREAS, it is imperative for the protection of the Tribe's groundwater rights in the Coconino Aquifer that monitoring wells be located at critical points throughout the reservation to measure the impact from off-reservation groundwater pumping on the base flow of the Tribe's streams.
- **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the appropriation of an additional \$15,000 for construction of a third monitoring well in the area of the upper log campground.

The foregoing resolution was on November 6, 1997 duly adopted by a vote of seven for and zero against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (f), (i), (k), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe 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).

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