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

- WHEREAS, District II Council Member Lynn Cody, has stated his opposition to the Tribal Member Hunting Regulations regarding the Bear season; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Cody and other members of the Tribal Council emphasized that as the bear represents one of the four sacred clans of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, it is disrespectful to hunt and kill bears year long; and
- WHEREAS, concerns are for bear cubs that are born in the spring and the current Tribal Member Hunting Regulations will allow the mother bear to be killed and these cubs may not survive; and
- **WHEREAS,** the bear is bigger in size and its hide is significantly improved after the hybernation period.
- **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby closes the Bear hunting season from October through February for the following concerns noted above.

The foregoing resolution was on July 16, 1999 duly adopted by a vote of <u>FIVE</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 IV, Section 1 (a), (f), (i), (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).

ACTING Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council