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

- WHEREAS, the Tribe's Office of Vital Statistics is responsible for maintaining the tribal membership rolls and other records of importance to the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, in its efforts to maintain accurate tribal membership rolls and to process applications for tribal membership, the Office of Vital Statistics is frequently required to search through historical and archival records in order to ascertain the genealogy and blood quantum of applicants; and
- WHEREAS, there are many important records pertaining to the White Mountain Apache Tribe located at various federal documents repositories around the country which could be an invaluable asset to the White Mountain Apache Tribe if made readily available; and
- WHEREAS, the search and recovery of these records would require funding for the hiring of additional personnel in the Office of Vital Statistics to gather and interpret the documents; and
- WHEREAS, the National Historical Publications and Records Commission has available funding set aside for Native American records projects which could include a project designed by the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and authorization from the Tribal Council is necessary for application to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is of the opinion that maintaining an accurate roll and a historical data base is essential to the White Mountain Apache Tribe and should be pursued with all vigor.
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Tribal Council Secretary and the Office of Vital Statistics to prepare and submit a grant application to the National Historical Publication Records Commission for a records program of the White Mountain Apache Tribe. These funds shall be utilized to hire personnel and purchase equipment necessary to conduct a search and data collection of pertinent records concerning the White Mountain Apache Tribe located at

various federal documents repositories around the country. The Tribal Planning Office shall be available to assist in preparing the grant application, if in the opinion of the Council Secretary, such assistance is necessary.

The foregoing resolution was on September 20, 1989, duly adopted by a vote of <u>EIGHT</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 (j) 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

Secretary of the Tribal Council

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