## RESOLUTION OF THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is advised that the Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs has sponsored a joint proclamation establishing a state-tribal governmental relations policy; and

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- WHEREAS, said joint proclamation of the Governor of the State of Arizona and leaders of the Indian Nations of the State of Arizona seeks to affirm the government-to-government relationship between Arizona and the various Indian Tribes within the State of Arizona; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to said joint proclamation the State of Arizona recognizes that within the State there are 20 separate and distinct federally recognized Indian Tribes comprising the largest Native American land base and population in the United States; and
- WHEREAS, said joint proclamation of state and tribal governments acknowledges that Indian Tribes and the State of Arizona have an historic relationship and unique rights shaped by federal, tribal, and state constitutions, by treaties with the United States Government, by executive orders of the President and by the statutes of the United States; and
- WHEREAS, said joint proclamation of the State of Arizona and Indian Tribes respects the sovereign authority of each to exist and govern and recognizes that mutual goals are best achieved through improved relationship between their respective sovereign governments; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe agrees in principle with the purposes and language of the joint proclamation and is agreeable to being a signatory thereto.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby agrees to be a signatory to a joint proclamation of the State of Arizona and the Indian Tribes within the State of Arizona accepting the fundamental principle and integrity of the government-to-government relationship between the State and the Indian Tribes and that this principle shall be the basis of state and Indian tribal governmental policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby authorizes Chairman Lupe to be a signatory to said joint proclamation to be signed by the Governor of the State of Arizona and leaders of the Indian Tribes within the State of Arizona.

The foregoing resolution was on November 9, 1990, 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 V, Section 1 (a) (b) (u) 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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