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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is advised by Chairman Ronnie Lupe that sincere and good faith efforts on behalf of the Tribe have been made to negotiate a Tribal/State Compact with Governor Fife Symington to conduct Class III Gaming on the reservation; and
- WHEREAS, recent court decision in the State of Wisconsin and Connecticut appears to allow a broad spectrum of gaming activities in states with similar gaming statutes and that the State of Arizona's gaming laws are very similar to those in Wisconsin and Connecticut; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has requested negotiations with former Governor Mofford and on two (2) occasions with Governor Fife Symington but that neither Governor has acknowledged or expressed an interest in negotiating a Compact; and
- WHEREAS, the Yavapai Prescott Tribe has been compelled to seek relief in the U.S. District Court in Phoenix against the State of Arizona for failure to negotiate in good faith a compact with that Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concludes that if the State of Arizona will not in good faith negotiate a Tribal/State Compact with the White Mountain Apache Tribe pursuant to the Federal Indian Gaming Act, that the Tribe, in order to protect its interests and that of its people, must seek remedies available to it under the Act, including but not limited to, mediation and litigation.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes Chairman Ronnie Lupe to direct the Tribal Attorney to initiate litigation in the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona or wherever appropriate upon a determination by the Tribal Chairman that further efforts to negotiate a compact with the State of Arizona would prove to be futile.

The foregoing resolution was on November 07, 1991, duly adopted by a vote of eight for and zero against one abstention by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (a) (b) (f) (i) (t) (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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