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

- WHEREAS, the Fort Apache Indian Reservation has a large forest of considerable value and importance to the White Mountain Apache Tribe both economic and spiritual; and
- WHEREAS, it is only just and proper for the Tribe to manage its own land in ways that truly reflect the desires of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, a first step toward achieving management of the Tribe's forest land can be achieved with use of the Forest Management Deduction Funds, also called 10% (Ten Percent) funds taken from stumpage payments that have been administered until now by the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe needs to exercise full control of the Forest Management Deduction Funds and the personnel and equipment it pays for.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Forester is directed to prepare a budget for use of the Forest Management Deduction Funds for this fiscal year and submit it to the Tribal Council within 60 days.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the Tribal Forester shall supervise all personnel and equipment paid by Forest Management Deduction Funds following approval for the budget by the Tribal Council.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the Tribal Forester is also directed to submit a phased plan for assumption by the Tribe of all forest management activities now performed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>November 13, 1991</u>, 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 (a) (i) 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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