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- WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention has announced a grant program to provide for community-based alternatives to incarceration for juvenile offenders; and
- whereas, the purpose of this grant is to support the planning and development of community-based alternatives for Native American juvenile offenders adjudicated by the tribal courts who are retained in the community, and for Native American youths who are returning from institutional placement; and
- whereas, the initial stage of this grant program will provide up to \$20,000 to each of ten (10) tribal governments which have juvenile court jurisdiction to assist the tribe in planning for community-based alternatives for adjudicated youth and reentry programs for incarcerated youth; the second stage of the grant program will provide funding for implementation of the Tribe's plan; and
- whereas, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has already begun this planning process with the assistance of the Governor's Office for Children, by developing a Detention Intake Survey and by holding a two-day workshop on alternatives to detention and incarceration; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe has a good chance of receiving the planning grant and further grant funds to implement community-based alternatives to incarceration and reentry programs; and
- WHEREAS, the youth of the White Mountain Apache Tribe are the future of the Tribe and any assistance and programs which can be provided to the delinquent youth to involve them in their communities, provide leadership and incentive to remain in the community will benefit the individual youth as well as the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, Tribal Council approval is needed to make application for this grant, and the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe concludes that it is in the best interests of the Tribe and the youth of this Tribe to make application for this grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache
 Tribe that it hereby directs the Planning Department to
 prepare the necessary application to be submitted to the
 Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention,
 with the assistance of the Tribal Attorney's office, the
 Juvenile Court, and the Apache Police Department.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council, that it hereby authorizes Chairman Ronnie Lupe or in his absence, Vice-Chairman Lafe Altaha, to sign any and all necessary application forms and other documents to complete the application package to be submitted to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Department of Justice.

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Chairman of the Tribal Council

Virginia M. Walton
Secretary of the Tribal Council

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