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

- whereas, the Tribal Council is concerned about the need for jobs on the reservation and is interested in generating sustainable employment and reasonable profits from the timber resources of the reservation; and
- WHEREAS, there is a sustainable supply of small logs, approximately 15 mmbf, in the timber inventory that currently has limited marketability but which could be milled for studs and/or remanufactured in edge-gluing and finger-joining processes if the Fort Apache Timber Company (FATCO) was so equipped; and
- whereas, the FATCO Board of Directors has approved the development of an expansion project that is estimated to cost approximately \$6 million dollars and includes the addition of a stud mill and a finger-joining and edge-gluing remanufacturing capability; and
- whereas, the edge-gluing and finger-joining remanufacturing processes at FATCO will directly create approximately 62 new jobs at the sawmill, indirectly add 20 FTE logging jobs in the forest, and develop the capacity to create additional jobs through the addition of value-added manufacturing processes utilizing the remanufactured materials within five years; and
- whereas, the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has indicated an interest in assisting the Tribe in the financing of the proposed finger-joining and edge-gluing remanufactory and has invited the Tribe to submit a grant pre-application for approximately \$1 million dollars to finance the remanufacturing component of the FATCO expansion project.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache
 Tribe that it hereby approves the submission of a preapplication and subsequently, an application to the
 Economic Development Administration for financial
 assistance, in the development of the edge-gluing and
 finger-joining remanufacturing components of the FATCO
 expansion project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman to notify the Bureau of Indian Affairs that the Tribe wishes to request approximately \$5 million dollars in BIA loan guarantee authorization for this aforedescribed sawmill expansion project.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>September 10, 1992</u>, duly adopted by a vote of six 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 (i) (j) (l) 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).

Secretary of the Tribal Council

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