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

- WHEREAS, provision of water in sufficient quantity and quality for the tribal members and other residents on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is considered to be an essential government service by the Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS, the current public water supply and water distribution system for the Whiteriver area has been developed in a piece-meal manner over the past 50+years and is dependent on twelve different water sources. This system is obsolete and currently inadequate to service the needs of the Whiteriver area residents in terms of the quantity and quality of the water provided by the system. The water quality problems are severe as to have been documented by the Environmental Protection Agency; and
- WHEREAS, Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) had indicated that they are a potential source of funding for the development of a new water supply and distribution system for the Whiteriver area of the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has established a good working relationship with FmHA and has remained current on its loan repayments.
- BEIT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the submission of a pre-application to the FmHA for the development of a new public water supply and distribution system from Miner Flat to the Whiteriver area which includes the Whiteriver, Canyon Day, Seven Mile and East Fork communities.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the estimated cost of the public water supply and distribution system is \$11 million and 75% of that amount may be a grant from FmHA, a contribution from IHS, and the remainder a loan from FmHA.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>June 01, 1994</u>, duly adopted by a vote of <u>ten</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 IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council