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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache is concerned that Disabilities and handicapping conditions continue to increase on the White Mountain Apache Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is Advised by Dr. Jennie Joe that an special study conducted by the University of Arizona's Native American Research and Training Center (NARTC) in 1992-93, 279 school-aged Apache children with disabilities in the school system, including Headstart, were identified; and
- WHEREAS, When this data was reported, including the results of the NARTC study on Outcomes for Apache Youth Graduating from Special Education, at a special community meeting, the Chairman of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and the Council members present called for ways to help these young people and their families; and
- WHEREAS, Based on this need and interest of the tribal leadership, NARTC initiated a search for resources to help provide more information on Apache children with disabilities and their families; and
- WHEREAS, NARTC was successful in obtaining a special three-year funding from the National Institute on Child and Human Development to establish a project on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation to begin to document resources and problems encountered by these families and their children; and
- WHEREAS, In fulfilling the above goals, NARTC has recruited and found a office space on the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council wishes to support and authorize NARTC to initiate the Apache Children's Potential Project as summarized in the attached proposed incorporated by reference herein.
- BEIT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes Dr. Jennie Joe and the Tribal Education Department to initiate the Apache Children's Potential Project.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>February 01, 1995</u>, duly adopted by a vote of <u>nine</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), (j), (m), (s), (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).

Chairman of the Priba

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