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

- WHEREAS, Mr. Clifton Perkins has come before the Tribal Council with the request and the Council support the American Indian Firefighter Documentary Project; and
- WHEREAS, the goals and objectives of the Project are to gain recognition for the American Indian Firefighter through a documentary film containing a brief history of the start of Indian involvement in wildland fire suppression and then filming Indian fire crews on actual fire assignments; and
- WHEREAS, the film will also be used as a tool to motivate today's Indian firefighters and will show the Indian firefighter that he or she is respected and appreciated and that because of their special physical and mental attributes they are considered by many to be the best for this line of work; and
- WHEREAS, the film will also instill a pride in today's Indian youth who are in need of role models as firefighters must be physically fit and drug free to perform well and safely in fire assignments; and
- WHEREAS, Indian firefighters are more than willing to talk to the young people about their work and its requirements and the project will provide an opportunity for firefighters to go into the classrooms and speak directly to the youth; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concludes that this very worthwhile project will tell a story that needs to be told of American Indian wildland firefighters who often receive little or no appreciation for their work, although they risk their lives to help preserve our nation's wildlands and wildlife.
- BEIT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby endorses the American Indian Firefighter Documentary Project and directs the Budget Committee to determine an appropriate donation to this worthwhile project.

The foregoing resolution was on April 19, 1995, duly adopted by a vote of nine for and zero against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (f), (i), (k), (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).

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