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

- WHEREAS, our Tribal elders hold a vast repository of traditional knowledge of places, plants, and other living things that is of great value to all Tribal members in the modern world, because the land helps to guide a healthy, balanced life; and
- WHEREAS, this knowledge must be treated with great care and respect, and it must be transmitted in culturally appropriate ways to ensure that management activities the Fort Apache Indian Reservation are conducted in a manner that preserves and protects the vital natural and cultural resources of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has a need to develop educational programs that will transmit appropriate ecological knowledge from our elders to our youth and will guide resource management.
- **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Tribal Planning Department and Tribal Ethnoecology Program, including the preparation of grant applications to outside funding agencies, subject to the following conditions:
 - 1. The Tribal Cultural Advisory Committee shall serve as an advisory board to the project and shall establish policies regarding the collection, recording, and control of information.
 - 2. The Program shall not seek culturally inappropriate information, such as ceremonies or uses reserved to medicine persons.
 - 3. Information obtained through the Project shall not be released to entities outside the Tribe without explicit approval from the Tribal Council.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby recognizes the benefits of close coordination with the already established San Carlos Ethnobotany Project, given the close relations between members of our two tribes, and therefore authorizes the exchange of information with that program, subject to the constraints listed above.

Resolution No. <u>06-95-180</u>

The foregoing resolution was on <u>June 06, 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), (f), (g), (h), (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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FORT APACHE INDIAN AGENCY WHITERIVER, ARIZONA Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council

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