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

- WHEREAS, there are a number of threatened and endangered species of animals and plants that have been listed or are being proposed for listing on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and, in most of these instances, critical habitat for these species is also being proposed; and
- WHEREAS, tribal and BIA responses to these proposed listings require extensive collection of information, informed analysis, and legal review to insure that these listings are appropriate and that the rights of the Tribe are being protected; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe is concerned that the harmony that exists between the White Mountain Apache Tribe and all other living things on the Reservation be preserved and protected; and
- WHEREAS, it is critical that there be extensive coordination among the agencies and departments involved in the submission of information to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding proposed actions that might impact threatened and endangered species on the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, by previous Resolution No. 04-93-088, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe established an Interagency Endangered Species Task Force to coordinate the collection of ESA related recommendation(s) information and reports, the analysis of ESA related data, and the dissemination of ESA related announcements, meeting notices, or requests for information; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council wishes to amend Resolution 04-93-088 by substituting position titles for individual names of persons in said position in order to insure continuity in the Task Force.
- **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Interagency Endangered Species Task Force, as amended, will consist of the following members, with additions or changes as dictated by the evolving scope of the Task Force and at the direction of its chairman:

Chief Biologist, Tribal Wildlife & Outdoor Recreation Division
Sensitive Species Coordinator, Tribal Wildlife & Outdoor Recreation Division
Tribal Forester
Tribal Attorney
Tribal Planner
Natural Resource Committee Chairman
Pre-Sale Supervisor, BIA
Environmental Health, IHS
Tribal Council Members, Ex-officio
Tribal Cattle Association Representative
Environmental Quality, BIA
Land Operations Supervisor, BIA

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Sensitive Species Coordinator will serve as Chairman of the Interagency Endangered Species Task Force.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>December 6, 1995</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), (f), (h), (i), (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 Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council