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

- WHEREAS, the provisions of P.L. 93-638 allow for the federally recognized Indian tribes to enter into contracts and cooperative agreements with federal agencies for purposes of tribes themselves providing certain federal services and functions; and
- WHEREAS, the continued building of technical expertise in natural resources within the White Mountain Apache tribal staff is critical to the Tribe's assertion of it's rights and responsibilities to manage its reservation lands; and
- WHEREAS, the position of 'professional hydrologist' is needed within the tribal staff to support Bureau of Indian Affairs programs and to provide expertise to the Tribe in areas such as flood plain management, analysis of surface water runoff from watershed areas, groundwater/surfacewater interactions, building and maintaining streamflow records, and other important functions; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Environmental Planning Office seeks to add a 'professional hydrologist' position to it's staff by entering into a P.L. 93-638 cooperative agreement with BIA, Fort Apache Agency Office.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, that it hereby approves application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for contracting a 'professional hydrologist' position to be filled in the Tribal Environmental Planning Office, with such position serving a multitude of needs and functions of both the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Tribe itself.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that it requests that the superintendent of the BIA, Fort Apache Agency office, support, secure and maintain this tribal position through allocating BIA program moneys to fund all aspects of the 'professional hydrologist' position.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that the Tribal Chairman or in the Chairman's absence the Vice-Chairman, or their designee, is hereby authorized to negotiate, modify and enter into the aforesdescribed cooperative agreement.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>December 20, 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), (b), (i), (j), (k), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe on 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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