

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

- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe is the caretaker of the ecosystem on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, which includes all natural, cultural, and human resources, such as the land, the plants, the animals, the water, the air, and the people, and the relationship amongst them; and
- WHEREAS,** the health, welfare, and economic security of the Tribe, as well as the quality of life for generations to come, depends upon the Tribe's stewardship of the Reservation ecosystem; and
- WHEREAS,** while adoption of federal environmental programs provided some protection for the ecosystem, these programs do not necessarily reflect the Tribe's unique perspective of its relationship with, and responsibility towards, the ecosystem, and do not provide the basis for its integrated management and protection; and
- WHEREAS,** for the Tribe's laws and policies to effectively protect and restore the ecosystem for generations to come, these laws and policies must be guided by the Tribe's unique view of its relationship with the ecosystem; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe has always maintained and asserted its sovereign powers over the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, and the adoption of a comprehensive and integrated ecosystem management code is consistent with the exercise of these powers; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has reviewed the July 16, 1996, draft Table of Contents for an Ecosystem Management Code, which is attached to this resolution and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein, and believes that the completion and implementation of the Code is an important exercise of the Tribe's sovereign powers and responsibility as stewards of the Reservation ecosystem.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the development of an Ecosystem Management Code that contains the elements identified in the attached Table of Contents of the July 16, 1996 draft of the Ecosystem Management Code.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that the Tribal Council be updated at least every three months on the progress of the development of the Ecosystem Management Code.

The foregoing resolution was on July 17, 1996, duly adopted by a vote of eight for and zero against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by the White Mountain Apache Tribe Constitution, including Article IV, Section 1 (a), (c), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (m), (n), (q), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

ACTING


Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council

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