

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

- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has adopted in its Overall Economic Development Plan the goal of stopping the leakage of tribal funds to off reservation business to the maximum extent possible; and
- WHEREAS,** many retail shopping and services opportunity are not available on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation ; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has determined that many small businesses that create two of every three new jobs nationally are most appropriate for individuals to develop and operate as opposed to tribal operated enterprises ; and
- WHEREAS,** the development of a strong private sector requires that training, mentoring, and ongoing guidance be provided to many new business owners to enhance their chance to be successful; and
- WHEREAS,** the development of a viable private sector also requires that financial services be available to businesses and to the residents of the reservation that will be the customers of these businesses; and
- WHEREAS,** at present minimal financial services are available in Whiteriver at the Wells Fargo branch location and none are available in Cibecue or the west end of the reservation and the Wells Fargo Branch does not provide the level of service need for business development, indicating a clear need for additional financial institutions on the reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** HUD has issued a Notice of Funds Available for training prospective business owners, creating a microloan funds to finance business startups, and to develop a credit union; and
- WHEREAS,** the eligible applicants are Public or Indian Housing Authorities in conjunction with nonprofit, for profit and other partners; and
- WHEREAS,** the CDC Board has placed development of a credit union as a priority activity and the White Mountain Apache Housing Authority has authorized a joint application for the HUD program that will provide up to \$1 million over a three year period for development.

Resolution No. 10-96-265

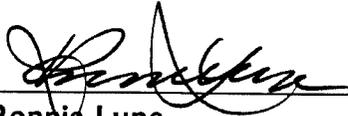
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it support the submission of the application and will support the program if funded by providing office space for the development staff up to three year if necessary as a tribal contribution to the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that employees of the credit union be considered for enrollment in the Tribal Health Plan and Pension Plan under the same terms as are tribal employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the Tribal Chairman be directed and authorized to execute a MOU/MOA for the Tribe to participate as a party to the application and program, if funded.

The foregoing resolution was on October 17, 1996, duly adopted by a vote of seven 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), (i), (j), (k), (r), (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).

Signatures of the members of the Tribal Council represent their approval of Tribal Resolution No. 10-96-265.



Ronnie Lupe
Tribal Chairman



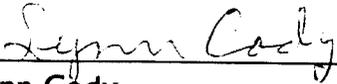
Lefe Altaha
Vice Chairman

Absent

Judy DeHose
District I Council Member

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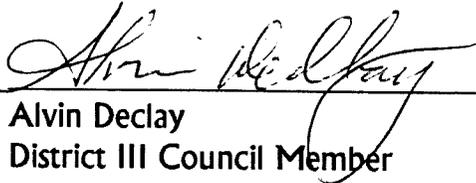
Harley Janeway
District I Council Member



Lynn Cody
District II Council Member

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Romeo Dazen
District II Council Member



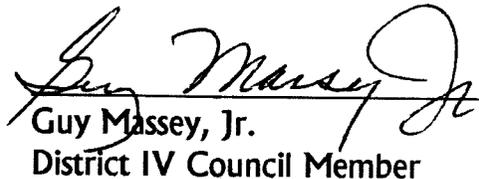
Alvin Declay
District III Council Member



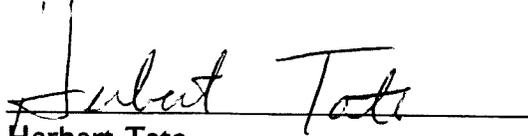
Margaret Baha-Walker
District III Council Member

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Frank Endfield, Jr.
District IV Council Member



Guy Massey, Jr.
District IV Council Member



Herbert Tate
District IV Council Member

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Virginia M. Dalton
Tribal Council Secretary
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE