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

WHEREAS, the mineral resources of the 1.66 million acre Fort Apache Indian Reservation are believed to include significant deposits of sand, gravel, cinders and other aggregate-type resources which have been exploited in the past for a variety of construction uses and purposes; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has undertaken several studies and investigations in recent years to attempt to better understand the extent of these mineral resources which the Tribe controls and may wish to develop, yet still lacks information vital to its ability to fully understand and expand the use of these resources; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe believes there is a great need to further study these mineral resources and, where possible, begin to develop additional aggregate sites for its own use and if feasible, to produce marketable material products which would help the Tribe achieve its economic development goals; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Energy and Mineral Resources, annually accepts proposals from Indian tribes for the assessment of mineral potential on tribal trust lands, the current submittal deadline for such proposals being March 28, 1997.

BE IT RESOLVED, therefore, by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, that it hereby directs the Tribal Planning Department to prepare and submit a complete application to the BIA, Division of Energy and Mineral Resources, for a one to two year project under the current funding cycle which would allow for a detailed assessment of the sand, gravel, cinders, and other aggregate-type resources of the Reservation, as well as the testing and development of these resources as allowed by project guidelines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby resolves to consider commercial development of any potential mineral resources which are discovered under this project, and that it will consider publication of resource information gathered under the project, under the Tribe's information management guidelines and protocols.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that this proposal will be developed such that the project will be directed, managed and conducted by the Tribe itself, rather than by a consultant or other non-tribal party, though geotechnical consulting services will be included with other budget items.

The foregoing resolution was on March 14, 1997, duly adopted by a vote of ten 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 Tribal Constitution, including Article IV, Sections 1 (a), (s), (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).



Chairman of the Tribal Council



Secretary of the Tribal Council