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

- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe actively participated in the regional air quality protection and planning group termed the Grand Canyon Visibility Transport Commission, or GCVTC, which brought together representatives from Indian tribes, industry and federal, state and local governments to discuss and plan a strategy for protection of visibility and air quality of the Colorado Plateau area; and
- WHEREAS, participation of White Mountain Apache tribal representatives and representatives of other Indian Tribes in GCVTC resulted in final report recommendations of the GCVTC which tribes generally agreed represented, in a thorough and accurate manner, the interests of tribal governments throughout the region; and
- WHEREAS, the GCVTC has completed its work and has turned implementation of its recommendations over to a newly formed organization called the Western Regional Air Partnership, or WRAP; and
- WHEREAS, a charter and by laws have been drafted to define the purpose and guide the operations of the WRAP, and a ballot extended to tribal governments requesting that tribes decide by August 15, 1997 whether or not to become participating members of the WRAP and support the bylaws and charter as written.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it supports the formation of the Western Regional Air Partnership and that the Tribe's continued participation in air quality planning and management efforts such as WRAP are vital to staying abreast of management and regulatory initiatives which ultimately may shape policies and laws designed to protect the air resource over and around the Reservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it wishes to become a member of the WRAP and supports the adoption of the charter and bylaws for the WRAP, as written.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>August 7, 1997</u>, duly adopted by a vote of <u>nine</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), (i), (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