

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

WHEREAS, the wetlands of the White Mountain Apache Tribe are valuable natural resources that provide many benefits to the Tribe, including water quality, water storage, recreation, wildlife habitat, culturally significant plants, and scenic beauty; and

WHEREAS, many wetlands have been degraded by a variety of impacts which can and should be addressed through improved management and the implementation of restoration activities; and

WHEREAS, the protection and restoration of wetlands is an essential component of ecosystem management, because healthy Wetlands are needed to sustain Tribal streams and sensitive species; and

WHEREAS, the attached Wetlands Conservation Plan presented to the Council today establishes guidelines for protecting wetlands and identifies priority projects for restoring wetlands, beginning with the Black River (ID) restoration area.

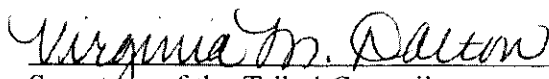
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the attached Wetlands Conservation Plan is hereby adopted, and the Tribal Planning Department is authorized to prepare grant applications to implement the plan for signature by the Tribal Chairman, or in his absence the Vice-Chairman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Wetlands Conservation Plan's protection standards are adopted, and that the Tribal Planning Department is authorized to present the plan at public meetings on the Reservation.

The foregoing resolution was on December 16, 1997 duly adopted by a vote of six 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),(b),(f), and (j) 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).



Chairman of the Tribal Council



Secretary of the Tribal Council