

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

WHEREAS, a large portion of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation consists of woodland forest land which has cultural and economic significance to the White Mountain Apache people; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has the responsibility to manage and protect this woodland resource in cooperation with the White Mountain Apache Tribe in a manner which is consistent with the Secretary's trust responsibilities and the objectives of the beneficial owners; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Apache Agency, Branch of Forestry is required to produce a Forest Management Plan for this woodland area, but receives no annual budget for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Phoenix area office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs is soliciting proposals for funding of woodland projects; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Apache Agency, Branch of Forestry is currently developing the 2001 - 2010 Forest and Woodland Management Plan with the limited funding it has for addressing woodland management issues; and

WHEREAS, the Branch of Forestry is seeking \$20,000 annually for a two year period from the Phoenix Area Office which would be equal to one-half the annual salary of a GS-9 Forester; and

WHEREAS, this funding would assist the agency in completing the required Forest and Woodland Management Plan with an appropriate emphasis on woodland resources.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby supports the Fort Apache Agency Superintendent's request for \$20,000 of additional funding per year for the fiscal years 1999 and 2000 to pay one-half the salary of a GS-9 Forester to assist in preparing the required Forest and Woodland Management Plan.

The foregoing resolution was on December 2, 1998 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

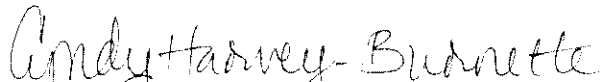
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it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (c), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



Chairman of the Tribal Council

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Secretary of the Tribal Council