

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

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has provided important technical and financial support to the White Mountain Apache Tribe over recent years, which has assisted the Tribe in its development of natural resources and environmental protection programs; and

WHEREAS, the EPA desires to formalize its relationship with the Indian tribes it is mandated to provide assistance to and has contacted Tribal Environmental Planning Office staff regarding the development of a "Tribal Environmental Agreement," wherein roles, responsibilities, expectations, priorities, information protection protocols, and communication channels can be stated clearly in a single document which will guide the future working relationship between the Tribe and EPA; and

WHEREAS, benefits to EPA of formalizing its relationship with the Tribe include gaining a better understanding of Tribal environmental and natural resources management goals and priorities, as well as demonstrating to Federal government leaders that their directives to the EPA for providing assistance to Indian tribes in environmental program development and capacity guiding are being carried out by the agency, and

WHEREAS, formalizing its relationship with the EPA will strengthen the government-to-government relationship between the Tribe and EPA and will facilitate the continued and increased technical assistance and funding support of EPA, while emphasizing the trust obligation EPA has to assist the Tribe in developing such programs on the lands of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

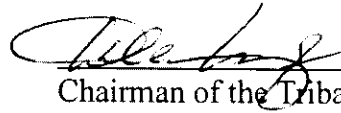
WHEREAS, the Tribal Environmental Planning Office has drafted a "Tribal Environmental Agreement" which staff now recommend be sent to EPA.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the attached draft "Tribal Environmental Agreement," July 1999 version, for purposes of sending to EPA for their review and comment.

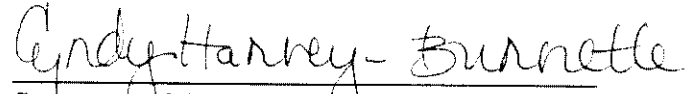
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Chairman, the Vice Chairman in the Chairman's absence, or their designee, is hereby authorized to negotiate, modify and enter into the aforescribed agreement.

Resolution No. 07-99-169

The foregoing resolution was on July 15, 1999 duly adopted by a vote of eight 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), (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


Secretary of the Tribal Council