

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

WHEREAS, the 1.66 million acres Fort Apache Indian Reservation of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is blessed with an abundance of natural resources and clean environment, the protection of which is paramount to the cultural, spiritual and economic well-being of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in recent years has aggressively developed a tribal capacity for management of natural resources and protection of its reservation environment, including development of policies, ordinances and interagency agreements which assert Tribal sovereign authority over Reservation lands, including but not limited to the Tribal Water Quality Protection Ordinance, the Statement of Relationship with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Tribal Solid Waste Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Administration for Native Americans program titled the Indian Environmental Regulatory Enhancement Program provides tribes with funding to build and strengthen their ordinances, codes and policies to support environmental and natural resource management programs; and

WHEREAS, a number of Tribal ordinances have been conceptualized or exist in draft form such as the Heritage Preservation Ordinance and the Water Administration Ordinance which, when completed will further assert the Tribe's sovereign authority over its lands and augment present management capacity.

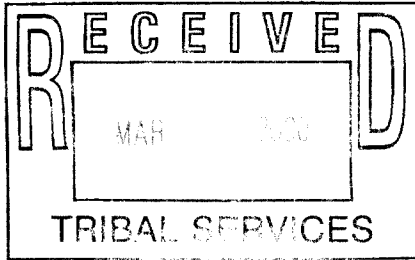
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves application to the Administration of Native Americans (ANA) for a project titled "Enhancement of White Mountain Apache Environmental Laws and Regulations."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it herein affirms and demonstrates its commitment to sustaining the administrative and regulatory elements set into place under this program after the conclusion of the proposed two-year project period and that the Tribe will work to secure funding to ensure that program elements are maintained into the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Chairman or his designee is authorized to sign all documents needed to submit the application to ANA.

Resolution No. 02-2000-53

The foregoing resolution was on February 10, 2000 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), (e), (h), (i), (j), (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

ACTING

Secretary of the Tribal Council