

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

**WHEREAS,** the mineral resources of the 1.6 million acre Fort Apache Indian Reservation includes significant deposits of sand, gravel, cinders, basalt, limestone, iron ore and other minerals of economic value to the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribe has conducted investigations in recent years with assistance from the BIA, Division of Energy and Mineral Resources, to better understand the extent of these mineral resources which the Tribe controls and wishes to develop, yet the Tribe still lacks complete information needed to fully understand and expand the use of these resources; and

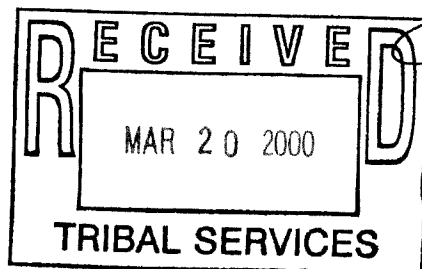
**WHEREAS,** the BIA, Division of Energy and Mineral Resources, annually accepts proposals from tribal governments for projects which assess mineral potential on tribal lands; and


**WHEREAS,** the Tribe has effectively applied grant funds from this program in the past which has led to increased knowledge and utilization of mineral resources for Tribal and commercial use.


**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Tribal Engineering Department to submit a proposal to the BIA, Division of Energy and Mineral Resources, for a two-year project allowing for the further, more detailed assessment of sand, gravel, cinders, basalt, limestone, iron ore and other mineral deposits of the Reservation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it endorses the commercial development of any potential mineral resources which are discovered under this project, and that it will consider publication of resource information gathered under the project in accordance with accepted Tribal information management policies and protocols.

The foregoing resolution was on March 6, 2000 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), (h), (i), (j), (s), (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