

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

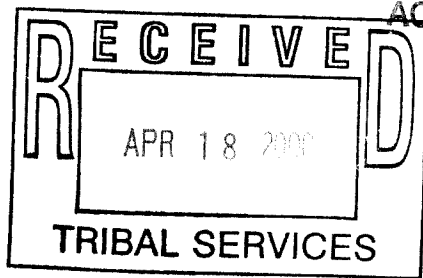
- WHEREAS**, the 1.66 million acres of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is blessed with an abundance of natural resources and clean environment, the protection and management of which are paramount to the cultural, spiritual and economic well-being of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in recent years has been aggressively striving to develop a Tribal capacity for managing its natural resources and protecting its Reservation environment, the results of which have been in the 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 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Tribal Solid Waste Ordinance and others; and
- WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Trust Responsibilities' Integrated Resource Management Program (IRMP) is offering funding and technical assistance to tribes to assist them in developing long-range, strategic level plans which direct the comprehensive management of the Tribes' natural resources; and
- WHEREAS**, the IRMP is intended to serve as the umbrella plan under which all resource planning and the White Mountain Apache Tribe, in 1996, passed Resolution 07-96-169, directing a Tribal Ecosystem Management Code be developed to serve as an umbrella plan for comprehensive management and protection of all reservation natural and cultural resources; and
- WHEREAS**, the Tribal Ecosystem Management Code is still in its draft form and a number of Tribal ordinances, codes and policies to support this Code have been conceptualized, exist in draft form, are outdated or have not been addressed, such as a Reservation-wide Range Management Plan, which is an essential element of the Ecosystem Management Code and in long-range planning.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves application to the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Trust Responsibilities' Integrated Resource Management Program, for a project titled, "The White Mountain Apache Tribe's Long Range Ecosystem Management Plan."

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the IRMP project will focus on Reservation-wide ecosystem management compatible with other Tribal initiatives and with an important element of such which is Reservation-wide range management.

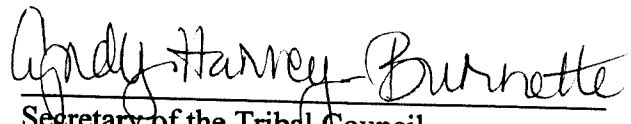
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Chairman or his designee is authorized to sign all documents needed to submit the application to the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Trust Responsibilities' Integrated Resource Management Program.

The foregoing resolution was on April 7, 2000 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 it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (f), (h), (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).



ACTING

  
Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
Secretary of the Tribal Council