

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

**WHEREAS,** the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) announced the Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP) 2000 funding criteria in which the White Mountain Apache Tribal Livestock Associations and Tribal ID Herd can receive cost share assistance to defer their livestock from a specified number of acres in their summer rangeland; and

**WHEREAS,** these contracts will last ninety (90) days from July 1, 2000 to October 21, 2000, on land traditionally grazed during the summer months; and

**WHEREAS,** the Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP) will require removal of livestock from sensitive native summer grazing lands and;

**WHEREAS,** the NRCS is calling from Indian Nations to sponsor this program to install emergency watershed protection measures to relieve hazards and damages due to the drought conditions in Arizona; and

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe will submit a letter of intent to sponsor the EWP program but will need more information prior to committing to any responsibility relative to the Program and;

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Range Program will work with the Livestock Associations and the Tribal ID Herd wishing to participate in this program; and

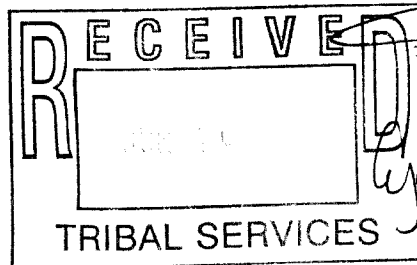
**WHEREAS,** the NRCS is calling for Indian Nations or counties to sponsor this program to install emergency watershed protection measures to relieve hazards and damages due to the drought conditions in Arizona; and

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe will submit a letter of intent to sponsor the EWP program but will need more information prior to committing to any responsibility relative to the Program.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that before signing any contracts with NRCS and assuming any responsibility under this program, legal review is required.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman to sign the letter of intent to sponsor the Emergency Watershed Program.

The foregoing resolution was on May 18, 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), (f), (s), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe on 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).



*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Chairman of the Tribal Council

*[Handwritten Signature: Andy Harvey-Burnette]*  
Secretary of the Tribal Council