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

WHEREAS, drought conditions persisting over the past two years have resulted in adverse effects to vegetation, domestic livestock, wildlife, and water resources of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, record low snow packs from the past two winters have left Tribal lands in dangerously dry conditions and have left the Community of Cedar Creek in an extreme water shortage; and

WHEREAS, the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991, 43 U.S.C. § 2211, *et seq.*, provides for drought contingency planning and response applicable to the present situation on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

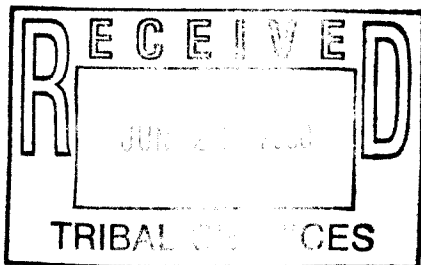
WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, is authorized to provide contingency planning and response assistance to Indian tribes under the Act.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby declares that the Fort Apache Indian Reservation is in a state of drought, and that all available measures be taken to protect public health and safety of wildlife, livestock, and woodland resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it requires that the Bureau of Reclamation, Phoenix Area Office, through its Area Manager, Mrs. Carol Erwin, provide drought contingency planning and response under all available authorities, and that other federal trust agencies be included in this request for assistance as deemed necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs Chairman Dallas Massey, Sr., with the assistance of Tribal staff to pursue all available avenues for relief assistance and to submit a written request to Secretary Babbitt for emergency drought relief funding.

The foregoing resolution was on June 21, 2000 duly adopted by a vote of TEN 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), (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).



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Chairman of the Tribal Council
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