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

- WHEREAS, the 1993 <u>Master Plan for the Fort Apache Historic Park</u> was unanimously endorsed by the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council and calls for the restoration of the Fort Apache/Theodore Roosevelt School compound to serve the White Mountain Apache community; and
- WHEREAS, representatives of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the U.S. Postal Service are nearing completion of plans that will result in the comprehensive rehabilitation of the Fort Apache Post Office (building 117/223); and
- WHEREAS, one element of the plans is a lease agreement whereby WMAT, BIA, and USPS would agree to allow USPS to occupy the rehabilitated facility at a fair market lease rate until USPS expenditures associated with the rehabilitation project (approximately \$230,000) are recovered through rent abatement; and
- WHEREAS, the BIA and USPS share trust responsibility for the welfare of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and for individual Tribal members; and
- WHEREAS, the proposed post office rehabilitation project will enhance and expand postal services available to the East Fork, Seven Mile, Fort Apache, and Canyon Day communities while contributing to the beautification and revitalization envisioned by the <u>Master Plan</u>.
- **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Legal Department and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer are duly authorized to complete negotiations with USPS and BIA.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman of the WMAT Council is duly authorized to enter into the finalized lease agreement.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that BIA representatives are hereby encouraged to give the lease negotiation the highest priority and to cooperate fully in the rehabilitation of the post office and in other projects authorized by the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council.

The foregoing resolution was on September 21, 2000 duly adopted by a vote of nine 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), (c), (h), (i), (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).

