

**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 White Mountain Apache Tribe intends to implement additional infrastructure planning to compliments its natural resource management, and land use planning work and will ensure the highest and best use of its Reservation lands; and

WHEREAS, many recent construction projects have been initiated, especially housing projects, to which community input is essential in the planning and development stage; and

WHEREAS, the development of these projects will further the Tribes infrastructure development, and will be based upon existing tribal laws, ordinances, regulations ad policies which currently protect the natural resources and protect the environmental programs on the Reservation, but most importantly, community involvement will be the essential component in this economic development and natural resource protection, integrated together in resource management 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 Integrated Resource Management Planning Project."

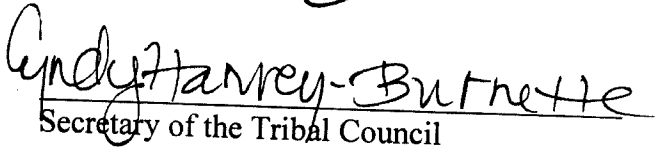
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it herein affirms and demonstrates its commitment to sustaining the administrative and regulatory elements set into place under this program after the conclusion of the proposed one-year project period and that the Tribe will work to secure funding to ensure that program elements are maintained into the future.

The foregoing resolution was on April 16, 2001 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), (b), (f), (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).

ACTING


Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council

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