

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has sole sovereign authority to determine the best use of resources and land within the reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has previously determined through Resolution 11-99-267 that it is in the best interests of the Tribe to improve the Whiteriver Airport and the Council approved Whiteriver Airport improvements of 4" of asphalt paving for the airport runway to enable large and small planes to land safely in Whiteriver; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council approved this request and affirms its decision herein believing that completing the airport's improvements in one project serve the best interests of the WMAT and its people; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Planner has now returned and advised the Council of a deficiency in the expected funding for the airport for completion of the project in the amount of \$608,930 to meet the required cost to complete all improvements to the airport; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires that as much of this required funding come from the agencies and departments which utilize the airport to a great extent, which includes the Indian Health Services via its Whiteriver Unit, and therefore request that the Indian Health Services provide all or as much of the required funding for completion of airport improvements totaling \$608,930 because of its substantial use of the Whiteriver Airport.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests that the Indian Health Service provide the additional \$608,930 required for completion of the Whiteriver Airport improvements.

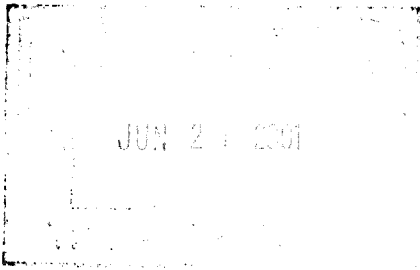
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it makes this request of the Indian Health Service due to the Service's substantial use of the Whiteriver Airport for transporting patients out of Whiteriver several times each day and the WMAT believes continuation of this service is essential to its people and the fulfillment of the Indian Health Service trust responsibility which will be greatly enabled through the constructed improvements to the airport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it requests Indian Health Service give this funding request the highest priorities due to the immediate need for completion of the improvements to the Whiteriver Airport

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while the contractor is mobilized for this project to keep the costs for improvement low for all parties who utilize the airport.

The foregoing resolution was on May 7, 2001 duly adopted by a vote of SIX 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), (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

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