

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

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution 08-98-184, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe initiated a Mexican gray wolf Tribal management program on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe, in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (the "Service"), developed the White Mountain Apache Tribe Mexican Wolf Management Plan, which was approved by the Tribal Council on August 3, 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 08-98-184 authorized development of a self-determination contract or cooperative agreement with the Service to provide funding, training and technical assistance to the Tribe and carry out the wolf management program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe entered into a cooperative agreement with the Service, FWS Agreement No. 1448-20181-00-J826 which provides for technical assistance and funding to hire and train a wolf biologist; and

**WHEREAS**, tribal staff and legal counsel have developed with the Service a longer-term cooperative agreement with the Service for implementing the Tribe's Mexican Wolf Management Plan through technical assistance and funding for five years, such funding totaling \$500,000, subject to availability of appropriations; and

**WHEREAS**, tribal staff have advised the Tribal Council that the Tribe's Mexican wolf program has been a success, that further development of the program may provide additional benefits previously identified by the Mexican Wolf Task Force, including enhancement of tourism and recreation programs and control of other predators, and that the Service and other potential cooperators have expressed interest in cooperating with the Tribe to develop a program for on-site releases of Mexican wolves, should the Tribe chose to expand its program to include on-site releases.

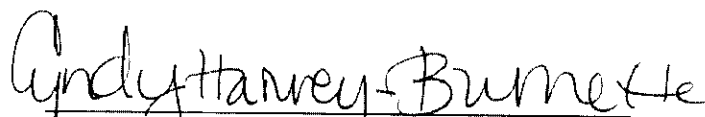
**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the five-year cooperative agreement with the Service and authorizes the Tribal Chairman and, in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Tribe.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Mexican Wolf Task Force to reconvene to evaluate the program and report back to the Tribal Council with its recommendations as to whether the program should be expanded to include on-site releases of wolves.

**Resolution No. 02-2002-23**

The foregoing resolution was on February 14, 2002 duly adopted by a vote of FIVE 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), (c), (f), (g), (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).

  
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ACTING Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
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Secretary of the Tribal Council