


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

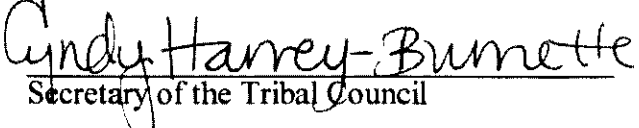
- WHEREAS,** the Miner Flat Well Field, comprised of three wells, was constructed in 1993 as an interim emergency measure to meet the potable water needs of the greater Whiteriver community area; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1997 an additional seven (7) wells were added to meet the needs of the people of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in the communities of Whiteriver, Canyon Day and Cedar Creek including water for schools and federal and Tribal agencies; and
- WHEREAS,** the well field yield has declined by forty-two percent (42%) since 1997 and an Indian Health Service review and an independent well performance evaluation conclusively shows that the well field will not be able to meet the drinking water needs of thousands of people currently dependent upon the well field by the next three to four years; and
- WHEREAS,** the Miner Flat Well Field arsenic levels exceed levels recently established by the Environmental Protection Agency which will become enforceable by the year 2006; and
- WHEREAS,** safe drinking water is an absolute necessity for healthy people, continued community growth, and economic development on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council, in consultation with the Indian Health Service and the Tribe's independent and tribal hydrology consultants, is advised that the Indian Health Service can begin planning and design of an interim surface water intake structure and packaged water treatment system on the North Fork River upstream from the greater Whiteriver community pending construction of a long term storage facility for a sustainable and healthy potable water supply for the people of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Indian Health Service to pursue funding for an arsenic removal system at the Miner Flat Well field and for the plan, design and construction of an emergency interim surface water intake structure and water treatment system to ensure that adequate potable water is available to meet the drinking water needs of the residents, schools and government infrastructure within the greater Whiteriver, Canyon Day and Cedar Creek communities.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby extends its appreciation to the Indian Health Service for its efforts to obtain funding for the arsenic treatment and interim surface water treatment system as a component of the Tribe's comprehensive long term water system plan for a sustainable drinking supply for the people of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Chairman and in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on May 15, 2002 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), (f), (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  _____
Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council