

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

**WHEREAS,** the Apache iron ore deposit on the west end of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation represents a potentially valuable commodity resource for the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and

**WHEREAS,** the value of this iron ore resource is uncertain due to emerging technologies and new markets for iron oxide pigments; and

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe has received numerous solicitations from various entities wishing to sample the iron ore for potential manufacturing operations; and

**WHEREAS,** evaluating the merit of any sale proposal for the iron ore is not possible without a current and comprehensive market analysis; and

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe wishes to make an informed decision about the development of its mineral resources in order to protect the environment while maximizing economic returns.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it authorizes Tribal natural resources staff to submit a proposal to the BIA Division of Energy and Mineral Resources for funding to hire a minerals analysis and development consultant to complete a mineral assessment study of the Apache iron ore deposit to evaluate its potential for iron oxide pigment manufacturing as well as for other potential markets.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it is willing to consider development of any potential mineral resource discovered during the course of the mineral assessment study.

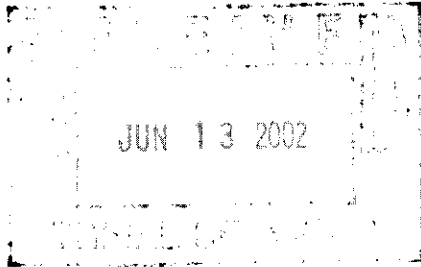
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it will consider public release of any information obtained from the mineral assessment study, where "public release" involves activities such as publication or providing a poster or oral presentation at industry or federal meetings or conferences.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that all mineral assessment data developed under the proposed mineral assessment study is the property of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and that any public release of such data requires the Tribe's written authorization.

**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 hereby authorized to sign any and all necessary documents needed to carry out the intent of this resolution.

**Resolution No. 06-2002-108**

The foregoing resolution was on June 5, 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), (c), (d), (f), (h), (i), (j), (k), (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).



  
Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
Secretary of the Tribal Council