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

- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, Arizona ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984); and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council ("Tribal Council") is the governing body of the Tribe, and the White Mountain Apache Housing Authority ("Housing Authority"), a non-profit corporate body organized and existing by virtue of the laws and ordinances of the Tribal Council and the White Mountain Apache Housing and Construction Code (the "Housing Code"), is the Tribally Designated Housing Entity for the Tribe under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, as amended ("NAHASDA"); and
- WHEREAS, the Housing Authority has advised the Tribal Council that a Small Tribes Task Force ("Task Force") has been facilitated by the Coalition for Indian Housing and Development to address issues concerning insufficient funding for small tribes under NAHASDA, and that the Task Force is considering the recommendation of various proposals to the Office of Native American Programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD/ONAP") whereby the NAHASDA funding formula for all tribes might be reduced in order to accommodate increased funding to small tribes; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, in consultation with the Housing Authority, has considered the various proposals of the Task Force in light of the affordable housing goals and objectives of the Tribe, as well as the need of the Housing Authority to utilize, to the fullest extent, all NAHASDA funding received, and to be received, from HUD/ONAP, in order to continue to serve the best interests of all Tribal Members, and their families, who lack decent, safe, and sanitary housing; and
- WHEREAS, in consideration of the magnitude that the Task Force proposals would have upon the continued ability of the Tribe and the Housing Authority to receive full funding of Indian Housing Block Grants from year to year, if such proposals would be ultimately implemented by HUD/ONAP, the Tribal Council has determined to adopt this Resolution to set forth its consensus on this issue, and to direct the Housing Authority, by and through its Executive Director, Victor Velasquez, to forward this Resolution to the Task Force, HUD/ONAP, and such other entities as may be involved in the consideration, evaluation, or adoption of these Task Force proposals.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, as follows:

- 1. That, the Tribal Council fully endorses the efforts of all Native American communities, including those designated as small tribes, to secure and obtain adequate and additional funding from HUD/ONAP under the provisions of NAHASDA.
- 2. That, however, in the best interests of the Tribe, the Housing Authority, and the affordable housing needs of all Tribal Members and their families, the Tribal Council does not endorse any of the numbered proposals promulgated by the Task Force in order to alleviate the insufficient funding being experienced by small tribes under the present funding formula of HUD/ONAP under NAHASDA.
- 3. That, in any event, the Tribal Council does fully support the ongoing attempt of small tribes to secure adequate funding from HUD/ONAP under NAHASDA, and, therefore, fully endorses the utilization by HUD/ONAP, through recapture, of those nationally-unobligated Indian Housing Block Grant Funds in the approximate amount of \$1.9 billion dollars in order to provide funding assistance for the benefit of small tribes and their affordable housing goals and objectives.
- 4. That Victor Velasquez, the Executive Director of the Housing Authority, be hereby authorized and directed to forward this Resolution to the Task Force, HUD/ONAP, and such other entities as may be involved in addressing the concerns of small tribes on the issues presented in this Resolution, and to take such further action as he may deem necessary or appropriate to carry out the stated intent and purpose of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>February 27, 2003</u>, duly adopted by a vote of <u>NINE</u> for and <u>ZERO</u> against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (i), (s), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe on 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 Counci

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Signatures of the members of the Tribal Council represent their approval of Tribal Council Resolution No. <u>02-2003-60</u>.

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