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

- **WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribe maintains complete and sovereign control over its lands for the welfare and benefit of all its members; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Tribe has designated areas for housing and development and other areas for recreation, ranch lands, timber harvesting, and other purposes; and
- **WHEREAS**, it is imperative that the Tribe maintain its control over all activities within its lands to serve the long-term needs of its people; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has previously been advised of a development of unauthorized homes in and about the Dry Valley area; and
- WHEREAS, following prior Council discussion, an investigation was made and found that the location of the homes, which have been identified as mobile homes, were place on the land without authorization and may be owned by individuals who are non-members of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the homes have been posted for removal, and claims that the homes had been authorized have been investigated, and such claims to be found without substance; and
- WHEREAS, the homes are located in and about an area which could receive dangerous flooding in the event of a dam failure further up the watershed; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concludes that the homes must be removed due to the unregulated nature of the development, the conflict with Tribal regulation and control, and the safety issue stemming from the high hazard dam designation.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that the homes placed without authorization in the Dry Valley area be removed within sixty (60) days from the date of this resolution and that if such homes are not removed, the Tribe shall undertake the removal of the homes, either charging the owners for the full cost of the removal or selling the homes to recover the costs of such removal.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Legal Department, Tribal Realty Office, and the Tribal Land Office work together to coordinate the notice and removal and to advise the Council of the actions taken pursuant to this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>April 23, 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

## Resolution No. <u>04-2003-136</u>

Article IV, Section 1 (a), (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).

THEAL SERVICE

Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council