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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council on this date has been advised of a determination by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Indian Education Programs that the Tribe's Education Department cannot use Johnson O'Malley (J.O.M.) funds to pay student workers or their families; and
- **WHEREAS**, each year the Tribe, through the Education Department offers work experience for young people ages 14-18 to provide them job related skills and a stipend; and
- WHEREAS, with the determination provided from the BIA Office of the Indian Education that J.O.M. funds cannot be used for this purpose, the Education Department must realign its budget for this summer to make funds available to continue the essential work experience opportunities for the Tribe's young people; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Tribe employs a number of individuals and operates many programs, departments, and enterprises, all of which may be able to grant work place experience for our young people; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe also receives many grants and donations for beneficial projects within the Tribal lands which could possibly fund some work place experiences for young people, including work tied to the on-going recovery work from the Rodeo-Chediski fire.
- **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs Education Director, Linda DeClay, to coordinate an effort among all Tribal departments, programs, and enterprises to identify and provide funding for work place experiences for young people ages 14-18 in order to make up for the short-fall of approximately \$150,000 from the Education Department budget to provide work place experience for more than 280 Tribal youth.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that the coordination work receive the full cooperation and support from all Tribal departments, programs, and enterprises, and that under the coordination of the Education Director, the effort shall consider the following funding sources: (1) Health Authority Diabetes Program, (2), ITCA Trust Fund Donation stemming from the Indian School Settlement and managed by the Tribal Social Services program, (3) the Whiteriver School District NAVITT grant, (4) the Rodeo-Chediski Fire Recovery Donation account, (5) other accounts and funds related to the land recovery and fire recovery work, including the BAER program,

and (6) other Tribal funds which may be available for this purpose.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it directs the Education Director to report back to the Tribal Council within 30 days of the date of this Resolution on the development made to identify and secure funding for the Tribal youth summer work.

The foregoing resolution was on June 09, 2003 duly adopted by a vote of <u>SEVEN</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), (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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