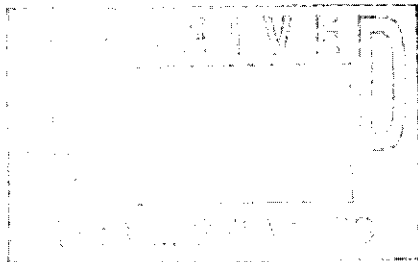


**RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**


- WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), carries out Technical Assistance activities and other natural resource conservation programs on White Mountain Apache Tribe Trust Lands (also known as the Fort Apache Indian Reservation [FAIR]); and
- WHEREAS**, many of these activities and programs constitute undertakings and require NRCS compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA); and
- WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 101(d) of the NHPA, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has assumed all pertinent State Historic Preservation Officer functions for the FAIR, including responsibility for the review of Federal agency undertakings under Section 106 of NHPA; and
- WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and the Cultural Advisory Board of the White Mountain Apache Tribe have granted the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) the authority to consult with Federal agencies and interested parties on behalf of the White Mountain Apache Tribe pursuant to NHPA, directing THPO to seek to all avoid adverse effects to historic properties and other heritage on the FAIR; and
- WHEREAS**, the regulations implementing NHPA provide for the development of streamlined procedures for NHPA compliance through Programmatic Agreements; and
- WHEREAS**, the NRCS has consulted with the White Mountain Apache Tribe, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the THPO, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and other potentially affected tribes in the development of a Programmatic Agreement to streamline NHPA compliance for NRCS activities and programs that will not affect historic properties or other heritage resources.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that contingent on final review and endorsement of the proposed agreement, it authorizes the Chairman of the Tribal Council to sign and execute the *Programmatic Agreement for Natural Resources Conservation Service Compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act On the White Mountain Apache Trust Lands*.

The foregoing resolution was on December 17, 2003 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), (b), (g), (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


ACTING Secretary of the Tribal Council