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

- **WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council has on this date discussed long-term development plans with the Hondah Casino management; and
- WHEREAS, based upon recommendations from the casino management, the Tribal Council finds that there may be benefit for the long-term welfare of the Tribe to develop a second casino location, to increase opportunities for economic development and employment for members of the Tribe and provide additional revenues to support central Tribal government functions; and
- **WHEREAS**, the casino management has identified potential sites near the Forestdale area along the Tribe's northern boundary in the vicinity of U.S. Highway 60; and
- **WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council, based upon discussions this date, authorizes the casino management to undertake steps to assess the viability of the proposed location for a second casino facility.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes Hondah Casino management, under the direction of General Manager Roger Leslie, to implement the steps identified this date to assess and prepare for plans to establish a second gaming facility for the White Mountain Apache Tribe, such steps intended to constitute an in-depth review and analysis of the proposed project, and including:
 - 1. Authority to request and coordinate development work from all relevant Tribal departments.
 - 2. Authority to identify and request use of land for the facility, according to Tribal land management regulations.
 - 3. Authority to hire a consultant to assess the market feasibility and appropriate building layout, theme, and other key components of the proposed facility.
 - 4. Authority to retain research, architectural, financing, and business planning professionals to develop the proposal for subsequent Council review at a later date.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes an amount up to but not to exceed \$250,000.00 for use by casino management to undertake the development steps approved in this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>FEBRUARY 17, 2004</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>SEVEN</u> for and <u>TWO</u> against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (h), (i), (s), 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