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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and the Fort Apache Agency will join in a collaborative effort to support the efforts of the Student Conservation Association (SCA), Fire Education Corps (FEC) and Firewise USA program; and
- WHEREAS, the goal of the SCA is to raise to wildland fire awareness and reduce wildfire risks through community outreach and education, fuels reduction projects in the wildland urban interface of the Reservation and collecting data for firefighting agencies; and
- WHEREAS, in conjunction with the Agency Branch of Forestry/Fire Management, the Tribal Branch of Forestry/Fire Management, the Tribal Fire Department and the Tribal Emergency Services programs, the SCA-FEC will work collaboratively to synthesize a holistic Reservation-wide Wildland Fire Prevention Program through the pursuits of the Firewise Communities/USA Program and the Risk Assessment and Mitigation Strategies (RAMS) software run; and
- WHEREAS, the overarching goal of the above endeavors is to empower the Tribal members and the Reservation residents to become proactive stakeholders in mitigating the threats of wildfire to their homes specifically, as well as to the Reservation as a whole and our Bordertowns; and
- **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby does support, encourage and sanction the above endeavors of the Student Conservation Association and the Firewise Communities/USA programs on the Reservation.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>March 18, 2004</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>EIGHT</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).

Chairman of the Tribal Council

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Secretary of the Tribal Council