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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is aware that several applicants for enrollment with the White Mountain Apache Tribe have not been approved because they barely miss the required blood quantum for enrollment; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is concerned that the number of enrolled tribal members may diminish in the future if the blood quantum criteria contained in the White Mountain Apache Tribal Constitution is not critically analyzed and given to the general population of the White Mountain Apache Tribe for reconsideration; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council believes that the formation of a Constitutional Committee is necessary for the critical analysis of this concern and for recommendations on, and formation of, a ballot measure designed to submit the question of reforming the blood quantum criteria for enrollment to the general membership of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council wishes to direct the presiding members of its Constitutional Review Committee to oversee the construction of, and submission to voters of, a ballot measure for a secretarial election to reform the blood quantum criteria set forth within Article II of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires that the Secretary of the Interior call an election on a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe for the blood quantum limits set forth in Article II therein.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests that the Secretary of the Interior call an election for a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, specifically and solely to revise Article II, Section 1 thereof, reducing the required blood quantum for enrollment from one-half Indian blood, with at least one-fourth White Mountain Apache blood, to simply one-fourth White Mountain Apache blood.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it authorizes the members of the Constitutional Review Committee to convene and begin the necessary formation of a ballot measure designed to submit the question of blood quantum criteria to the general population of the White Mountain Apache Tribe for consideration at a Secretarial Election.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>SEPTEMBER 8, 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), (i), (s), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified

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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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