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

(Request for Funding from United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service)

- WHEREAS, section 1242 of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended by the Farm Security and rural Investment Act of 2002, Public Law 107-171 (2002 Farm Bill) provides for delivering technical assistance to agriculture producers directly or through the use of third parties, called Technical Service Providers (TSP); and
- WHEREAS, the legislation provides for entering into contracts, cooperative agreements or contribution agreements with non-Federal entities to assist in providing technical assistance necessary to develop and implement Farm Bill programs; and
- WHEREAS, contracts and cooperative agreements, through which 100 percent of the technical assistance funding is provided, is subject to competitive bidding, and contribution agreements do not require competitive bidding, but do require the Tribe to provide 50 percent of the agreement cost, which can be in-kind services; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Land Operations department submitted a contribution agreement authorized under Resolution No. 02-2004-35 and was obligated \$50,000 in Fiscal Year 2004 to partially fund a civil engineer; and
- WHEREAS, Land Operations continues to have the capacity to provide technical services for natural resource disciplines including agriculture, range management, irrigation, soil and water conservation, flood and erosion control, wildlife and fisheries, and environmental coordination; and
- WHEREAS, Land Operations is requesting to renew the contribution agreement between the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Tribe.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that:

- 1. The Tribal Council agrees to renew the contribution agreement between the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Tribe.
- 2. The Tribal Council authorizes entering into second contribution agreement under provisions of the 2002 Farm Bill P.L. 107-171 and P.L. 106-387, Section 714, and the Technical Service Provider rule (7 CFR 652).
- 3. The Tribal Chairman or, in his absence, the Vice Chairman, is further authorized to negotiate and sign all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>JULY 13, 2005</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>FIVE</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), (k), (s), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the

Resolution No. <u>07-2005-192</u>

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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Secretary of the Tribal Council