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

(Requesting Funding from the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service)

- WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Service ("APHIS") has notified the Tribe that funding is available to support the implementation and maintenance of the national premises identification system and the national animal identification system ("NAIS"); and
- WHEREAS, APHIS has also notified the Tribe that because of increased animal disease outbreaks around the world it anticipates that advances in NAIS will continue and regulations for a mandatory and uniform national identification system will be enacted by early 2008; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe recognizes the need to implement an animal identification and tracking system consistent with the NAIS; and
- WHEREAS, funding received from APHIS could be used to 1) include a plan for identification of premises on the reservation, 2) utilize systems that integrate with and establish the necessary data interfaces with the NAIS, and 3) contain an outreach program for the different tribal livestock associations and its members to learn more about the identification system.

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

- 1. Available funding through a cooperative agreement with APHIS is hereby requested for the purposes of acquiring implementing and maintaining an animal identification and tracking system consistent with the NAIS.
- 2. 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>AUGUST 3, 2005</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), (b), (f), (j), (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).

ACTING

Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council