



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

**(Requesting P.L. 93-638 Contract with U.S. Department of Interior for federal
Environmental program)**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Apache Agency of the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs currently operates an Environmental program, consisting of one employee whose function is Environmental Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 05-2006-136, the Tribal Council did establish a Division of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's NRD has the technical expertise to undertake the Environmental program, which includes environmental assessments and National Environmental Policy Act compliance, among other duties; and

WHEREAS, an Environmental program under the Tribe's NRD would greatly benefit from the technical assistance provided by the program, including natural resources management, land operations, emergency services, transportation management, land use planning, homeland security, agriculture, facility management, water resources, demographics, historic preservation and cultural resources, range and wildlife management, NEPA compliance, and fire management; and

WHEREAS, the Director of NRD and staff did this day present a proposal to contract the Agency's Environmental program pursuant to P.L. 93-638 (25 U.S.C. § 450 *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that contracting for the Environmental program pursuant to P.L. 93-638 is in the best interests of the Tribe, its natural resources and environmental assessment.

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

1. A contract for the Fort Apache Agency's Environmental program is hereby requested from the U.S. Department of Interior pursuant to P.L. 93-638 (25 U.S.C. 450 *et seq.*).
2. The NRD, together with the 638 Negotiating Team, is hereby directed to initiate negotiations with the U.S. Department of Interior.
3. The Director of the NRD is hereby directed to develop policies and procedures for operating an Environmental program.

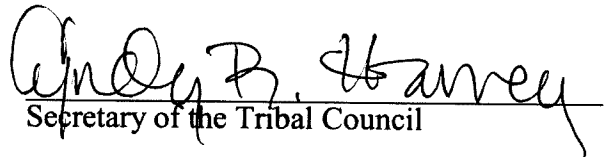
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence the Vice-Chairwoman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on **JUNE 7, 2007** adopted by a vote of **SEVEN** for, **ZERO** against and **TWO** abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Sections 1 (a), (b), (c), (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).

ACTING


Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council