



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

(Approval to Apply for the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administrative for Native Americans “Enhancement of Environmental Laws and Regulations” Grant)

- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe is the caretaker of the ecosystem on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, which includes all natural, cultural, and human resources, such as the land, plants, animals, water, air, people; and
- WHEREAS,** the health, welfare, and economic security of the Tribe, as well as the quality of life for generations to come, depends upon the Tribe’s stewardship of the Reservation ecosystem; and
- WHEREAS,** while adoption of federal environmental programs provided some protection for the ecosystem, these programs do not necessarily reflect the Tribe’s unique perspective of its relationship with, and responsibility towards, the ecosystem, and do not provide the basis for its integrated management and protection; and
- WHEREAS,** for the Tribe’s laws and policies to effectively protect and restore the ecosystem for generations to come, these laws and policies must be guided by the Tribe’s unique view of its relationship with the ecosystem; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe has always maintained and asserted its sovereign powers over the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, and the adoption of a comprehensive and integrated ecosystem management code is consistent with the exercise of these powers; and
- WHEREAS,** the draft Ecosystem Management Code was developed and that the completion and implementation of the Code is an important exercise of the Tribe’s sovereign powers and responsibility as stewards of the Reservation ecosystem;
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Natural Resource Programs will apply for the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administrative for Native Americans (ANA) “Enhancement of Environmental Laws and Regulations” grant to update the existing environmental codes of the Tribe.
- WHEREAS,** given the urgency of approaching deadline of January 31, 2012, the Tribal Council further finds that grant application request needs to be considered and made outside of its regularly scheduled meeting; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council further finds that: (1) this Resolution may be voted upon by signature of a member of the Tribal Council where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution, (2) the Tribal Council Secretary should attempt to obtain signatures for members of the Tribal Council personally, (3) no signature would mean that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, (4) the Tribal Council Secretary should wait no longer than a reasonable period of time to obtain a vote by signature or by no signature and so indicate that this Resolution was presented to the respective member of the Tribal Council for a vote.

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the development of an Ecosystem Management Code that contains the elements identified in the attached Table of Contents of the July 16, 1996 draft of the Ecosystem Management Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that the Tribal Council be updated at least every three months on the progress of the development of the Ecosystem Management Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that given the urgency of the request described herein, this Resolution may be voted upon as follows: (a) by signature of a member of the Tribal Council, including the Chairman of the Tribal Council and the Vice-Chairman of the Tribal Council, where a signature indicates a vote for this Resolution, (b) the Tribal Council Secretary shall attempt to obtain signatures for members of the Tribal Council personally, (c) no signature shall mean that the respective Tribal Council member is against this Resolution, (d) the Tribal Council Secretary should wait no longer than a reasonable period of time to obtain a vote by signature or by no signature, and so indicate that this Resolution was presented to the respective member of the Tribal Council for a vote.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall govern.

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

The foregoing resolution was on _____ duly adopted by a vote of _____ for and _____ against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (j), (k), (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

Secretary of the Tribal Council

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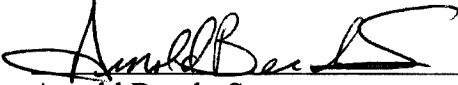
Signatures of the members of the Tribal Council represent their approval of Tribal Council Resolution No. _____ initiated the _____ day of _____ 2011. Presented Personally by Tribal Council Secretary (TCS)-Indicated by Initials

Ronnie Lupe
Tribal Chairman
Date Signed

TCS Initials

Timothy Hinton Sr.
Vice Chairman
Date Signed

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ATTEST:

Mariddie J. Craig, Tribal Council Secretary
Date Signed