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

- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has since 1918 leased to the Southwest Forest Industries, Inc. (SWFI) the land occupied by the town of McNary and its associated industrial facilities (an area of approximately 500 acres); the said lease to expire about the year 1990, and
- WHEREAS, the best interests of the White Mountain Apache Tribe dictate that the McNary townsite and associated facilities revert to the ownership and control of the Tribe no later than 1990, and
- WHEREAS, Southwest Forest Industries, Inc. has indicated its desire to terminate the lease prior to 1990 and to dispose of the assets within the McNary leased area, and in addition to abandon the McNary-Snowflake segment of the Apache Railway sometime prior to 1984, and
- WHEREAS, the McNary area, with its facilities and the present rail link to the main line of the Santa Fe at Holbrook, provides a great future economic resource to the Tribe PROVIDED that aggressive negotiations are planned and initiated in accordance with the lease-termination provisions of the present lease with Southwest Forest Industries, Inc., and
- WHEREAS, a sound plan for such negotiations requires that an indepth study, analysis, and evaluation of all aspects of the project be conducted, with the participation by all necessary financial, economic, technical, and legal advisors; said plan to evolve as a draft McNary Re-Development Plan for review by the Tribal Council.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Chairman, as Ex-Officio Chairman be authorized to organize a working committee under the above guidelines, responsible to the Overall Economic Development Program Committee for the development of a McNary-Re-Development Plan by January 1, 1982; time being of the essence, since the vital interests of the Tribe require that future operation of the Apache Railway be maintained and that the industrial properties at McNary be available to the Tribe on the best possible terms consistent with a long-term plan for their use in the development of the McNary area as a viable community with a sound economic future; and the said working committee to include the persons enumerated on the attached Overall Economic Development Committee resolution which is made a part hereof by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a budget be established for the said working committee, to be submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for funding of the required planning activities under Public Law 93-638 or other appropriate Bureau of Indian Affairs resources.

The foregoing resolution was on May 14, 1981 duly adopted by a vote of 8 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (i & s) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 1958 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1958, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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