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

WHEREAS, the East Fork Mission School has recently been destroyed by fire and the Lutheran Synod is in the process of making a determination concerning the future of the school; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is of the opinion that the East Fork Mission School has been and continues to be a valuable asset to the White Mountain Apache people in that many tribal professionals and tribal leaders have graduated from the school and have gone on to higher education at colleges and universities, and the Tribal Council is desirous that the tradition of academic excellence and leadership development at the East Fork School be continued; and

WHEREAS, the East Fork School provides an alternative to state and BIA supported schools and offers students a learning environment where high academic standards are maintained and where principles of moral value intertwined with religious instruction are taught, and where the principle of strict discipline is still adhered to.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it strongly urges the Lutheran Synod to rebuild the East Fork Mission School with elementary and high school classes in order that the White Mountain Apache people may continue to have the opportunity to receive an education of the highest quality and thereby enable them to make the utmost contribution to the advancement of the White Mountain Apache people for generations to come.

The foregoing resolution was on January 8, 1987, duly adopted by a vote of <u>ELEVEN</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 V, Section 1 (a,i,e) of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws 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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