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

- WHEREAS, on June 20, 1985 the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe reviewed and approved the 1985 Tribal Overall Economic Development Plan update, which on June 17, 1985 was reviewed and approved by the White Mountain Apache OEDP Committee; and
- WHEREAS, said resolution (copy attached) specifically authorizes improvements and development within the agricultural industry, including continued coordination with the Tribal Farm and a crops diversification program for the Tribal Farm; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Farm Manager, Director of Business Operations and the Tribal Planning Office have carefully evaluated the economic feasibility of various cash crops (diversified) pursuant thereto; and
- WHEREAS, the Granny Smith apple variety is now successfully grown and marketed in Cochise County, Arizona, and detailed analysis indicates that this apple variety will demonstrate similar characteristics on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation because of elevation, climate and existing land and water resources, and the industry experience of the Granny Smith apple indicates net profits of \$9,000.00/acre after ten project years; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Farm Manager has an excellent record of diversified agricultural management, and the Tribal Planning Office can assist in capitalization and planning requirements; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Farm has excellent project resources available, including substantial field equipment, abundant irrigation water and facilities of high quality to the project site, ample subjugated Class I land, and a history of apple orchards on the reservation.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Farm is authorized to establish a forty (40) acre apple orchard project with a suitable operational plan and that necessary project equipment and supplies shall be the object of funding applications in FY/86, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs Economic Development Grant program.

The foregoing resolution was on January 15, 1987, duly adopted by a vote of <u>EIGHT</u> for and <u>ONE</u> against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (i) 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).

ACTING

Chairman of the Tribal Council

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