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

- WHEREAS, during the current year and the year 1986 there has been a dramatic increase in the number of reported residential and commercial fires occuring on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, chief among these fires were at least two that could have claimed scores of lives had events occurred only slightly differently; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council is applying through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Indian Community Development Block Grant Program for a major grant with which to construct a multi-purpose building which will house (at the minimum) a fire-fighting equipment unit, police dispatch unit, and Emergency Medical Services unit; and
- WHEREAS, as part of its operation and maintenance responsibility the Tribal Council hereby pledges, identifies, and sets aside an amount of money (during fiscal year 1989) not to exceed \$62,950 for the hiring of permanent Fire Station Personnel, including a trained Fire Chief, said funds to come from the Tribe's central operations account and be made immediately available upon completion of structures; and
- WHEREAS, other badly needed services are capable of being located within this multi-purpose building; and
- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) through the local agency recognizes the desperate need for additional emergency protection and has pledged its support of this planned program, up to and including its intent to pursue funding through a P.L. 93-638 contract; and
- WHEREAS, likewise, the Indian Health Services (IHS) has indicated its intent to seek funding through a P.L. 93-638 contract for fiscal year 1989 which will permit the stationing of emergency services personnel on a twenty-four hour basis, complete with a new ambulance and supporting equipment through an auxillary unit of the Emergency Medical Services stationed in the Seven Mile Community.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the White Mountain Apache Tribal

Council pledges its full support of the proposed 0 & M plan, the document of which shall be enlarged and improved during the coming months as appropriate to the fulfillment of its duties and responsibilities.

The foregoing resolution was on January 20, 1988, duly adopted by a vote of TEN for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (j) 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).

Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council

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