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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has reviewed a letter dated February 14, 1991 from George Nolan, Chairman of the National American Indian Housing Council in Washington, D.C., addressed to Secretary Jack Kemp, Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Nolan's letter objects to Secretary Kemp's proposed HUD budget which would eliminate any new housing units in the future for Indian Housing Authorities nationwide and would also make several funding cuts on HUD subsidy programs including low rental and elderly programs; and
- WHEREAS, Secretary Kemp's proposed budget provides more funds for projects he supports namely HOPE and HOME, at the expense of new construction for Indian Housing; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is also advised that the Southwest Indian Housing Authority Association (SWIHAA) has requested support from all tribal leaders to assist Indian Housing Authorities in fighting the proposed Kemp budget which would have an extreme detrimental affect on tribal housing economics; and
- WHEREAS, Secretary Kemp, in July 1990, addressed the National American Indian Housing Council and promised to support new construction in Indian Country in 1992 and the future but the budget that he has proposed would result in no new housing funds to Indian Country in FY 1992; and
- WHEREAS, over 93,000 Indian families are living in dire housing conditions and cannot wait for the startup of a totally new housing program funded at minimal levels; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is in urgent need of housing for its elderly as well as the general population of which many are compelled to live in substandard housing with inadequate heating and protection from the elements; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concludes that it should support the National American Indian Housing Council and the Southwest Indian Housing Authority Association in their opposition to Secretary Kemp's proposed budget.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby opposes Secretary Kemp's proposed budget for HUD for FY 1992 for the reasons set forth in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby authorizes and directs Chairman Ronnie Lupe to contact the Arizona Congressional Delegation and other appropriate congressional leaders to protest the elimination of \$233 million in new construction under the Indian Housing Program for FY 1992 which would eliminate any new units in the future for Indian Housing Authority's nationwide including low rental and elderly programs.

The foregoing resolution was on March 14, 1991, duly adopted by a vote of eight 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 (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).

Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council

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