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

- WHEREAS, in 1990, Arizona Voters approved an initiative establishing the Heritage Fund to provide for annual funding from State Lottery Revenues for the Arizona State Parks Board and thereby amended Arizona Revised Statutes 5-522; Title 41, Chapter 3; Title 17, Chapter 2 and added A.R.S. Section 41-501 et seq relating to the Arizona State Parks Board Heritage Fund; and
- WHEREAS, seventeen percent of monies received pursuant to A.R.S. Section 5-522 must be spend on local, regional and state historic preservation projects to be administered by the Board through the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) (A.R.S. as 41-503 (F); and
- WHEREAS, a total of \$745,000 is available for matching funds in FY 1991 for the overall grants program; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has a direct political relationship with the federal government and P.L. 86-392 (74 Stat. 8) provides that: "All right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the lands, together with improvements, thereon, included in the former Fort Apache Military Reservation, created by Executive Order of February 1, 1877, and subsequently set aside by the Act of January 24, 1923 (42 Stat. 1187) [this section], as the site for the Theodore Roosevelt School, located within the boundaries of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, Arizona, are hereby declared to be held by the United States in trust for the White Mountain Apache Tribe, subject to the right of the Secretary of the Interior to use any part of the land and improvements for administrative or school purposes for as long as they are needed for that purpose."; and
- WHEREAS, on November 18, 1965, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council passed a resolution requesting the Secretary of the Interior "to designate Fort Apache, including the Military Cemetery, as a National Historic Site," and further requested the National Park Service "to assist in planning and organizing a program for the rehabilitation of Fort Apache."; and

WHEREAS, the State Historic Preservation Office has available funds to provide for preservation of sites listed on the Federal Register as historic, but there is a matching requirement of fifty percent, which is available through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, discretionary funds.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby reaffirms the above-mentioned 1965 resolution and requests \$18,321 from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to be utilized as a match plan and study the Fort Apache Historic District as to its feasibility for economic development and for cultural, educational and historic purposes.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>August 6, 1991</u>, duly adopted by a vote of <u>SEVEN</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) (b) (h) (i) (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

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Secretary of the Tribal Council

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