

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is always interested in generating employment and reasonable profits from the timber resources of the reservation; and

WHEREAS, projected reductions in the annual allowable cut (AAC) will require the elimination of approximately 50 jobs at the sawmill if actions are not taken to mitigate the situation; and

WHEREAS, there is a sustainable supply of small logs, approximately 15 mmbf, in the timber inventory that currently has limited marketability but which could be milled for studs and/or remanufactured if the Fort Apache Timber Company (FATCO) was so equipped; and

WHEREAS, the FATCO Board of Directors has approved the development of an expansion project that is estimated to cost approximately \$6 million dollars and includes the addition of a stud mill and a finger-joining and edge-gluing remanufacturing capability; and

WHEREAS, this expansion of FATCO will not only save the 50 threatened positions but also add approximately 25 new jobs at the sawmill and 20 new logging jobs in the forest; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has indicated an interest in assisting the Tribe in the financing of the proposed expansion and has invited the Tribe to submit a grant pre-application for approximately \$1 million dollars to finance the project.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe hereby approves the submission of a pre-application and subsequently an application to EDA for financial assistance in the development of the FATCO expansion project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the Tribal Chairman is authorized to notify the Bureau of Indian Affairs that the Tribe wishes to request approximately \$5 million dollars in BIA loan guarantee authorization and/or \$250,000 in BIA economic development grant funds for this project.

The foregoing resolution was on May 20, 1992, duly adopted by a vote of nine for and one 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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