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

- whereas, the Tribe has been advised that consideration is being given to moving the Housing Improvement Program (HIP) and placing it under the administration of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and
- whereas, the Tribe is opposed to such a move and strongly requests that the HIP program be maintained by the BIA and administered by the Tribe for the reasons that administration by HUD would not further the goals of the Housing Improvement Program and will only cause further delays and increase costs for HIP housing on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, HUD has a history of delay and high costs associated with Indian housing, and to allow HUD to acquire the administration of HIP would cause undue hardship and burdens on the White Mountain Apache Tribe as well as on individuals who qualify for HIP housing; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe is in the best position to administer the HIP due to its intimate knowledge of the needs and concerns of individual tribal members.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it strongly opposes any move of HIP administration from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to the Department for Housing and Urban Development for the reasons that such a move would only further delay and make more costly HIP housing projects and would not be in the best interest of the White Mountain Apache Tribe or its tribal members.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>July 01, 1992</u>, duly adopted by a vote of <u>ten</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) (c) 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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