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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is advised that the extraordinary heavy rains in January brought severe flooding to the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, which caused extensive and severe damage including the washing away of trees, roads and bridges, damage to homes and fences, erosion and landslides, and left many people cut off from their homes; and
- WHEREAS, the flooding also created a public health emergency in that the domestic water supply was contaminated and not only did people become ill from the water, but many people were without a safe supply of drinking water for many days and the hospital did not have a safe and sanitary supply of water; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that emergency preparedness and emergency response capabilities on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation should be strengthened; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is further advised that the President of the United States has declared the entire State of Arizona a federal disaster area and that federal disaster funds may be available; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that an Emergency Planning Committee should be formed to evaluate emergency preparedness needs on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, including, but not limited to the need for an emergency response plan and the formation of an emergency response team; to coordinate with state and local emergency planning districts and with other tribes' emergency response entities; and to seek federal disaster aid, when appropriate; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is advised that there exists an Incident Command System (ICS) program within the BIA and that the San Carlos Indian Reservation is a participant in the ICS program.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby forms the Fort Apache Indian Reservation Emergency Planning Committee consisting of Vice-Chairman Lafe Altaha, Charles O'Hara, Tribal Planner; Ken Lott, FATCO; Alvino Hawkins, Safety Director; Phillip Stago, Tribal Game & Fish; Frank

Larzelere, Jr., Utility Authority; Andrew Kane, Tribal Chief of Police; and Ben Nuvamsa, BIA Superintendent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it directs the Emergency Planning Committee immediately convene and take steps to complete the assessment of the damage from the recent emergency on the Reservation, and to begin necessary repair operations, including seeking equipment and personnel from the BIA Land Operations, IHS Engineering, FATCO, and other departments as necessary.

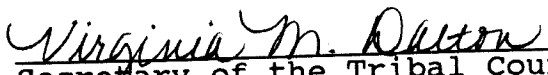
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the Emergency Planning Committee evaluate emergency response needs on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, including the need for development of an Emergency Response Plan and the formation of an Emergency Response Team to deal with future emergencies or disasters on the Reservation; and that the Committee coordinate such evaluation with BIA Engineering, BIA Roads, BIA Land Operations and IHS Engineering.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the Emergency Planning Committee evaluate the BIA Incident Command System program to determine whether the ICS program is able to meet the emergency response needs on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the Tribal Planning Office assist the Emergency Planning Committee in applying for federal disaster funds for this as well as future emergencies.

The foregoing resolution was on February 3, 1993 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 (s) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws 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