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

- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe adopted the current tribal constitution in 1958 pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council appointed a Constitution Committee in July 1992 to study ways to improve and strengthen the tribal constitution, and
- whereas, the Constitution Committee developed a list of proposed amendments which would modify the blood quantum requirement for membership in the Tribe, and strengthen tribal sovereignty and self-determination, and;
- whereas, the Constitution Committee distributed the proposed amendments to the public, provided information on the amendments through newspaper articles, flyers and radio shows, and held at least twelve (12) community meetings to obtain public comments, and;
- whereas, the public comment period was extended an additional month for additional community meetings, and to allow more time for distribution of the proposed amendments; and
- whereas, the Constitution Committee and the Tribal Council have reviewed the proposed amendments and the public comments and have developed the final proposed amendments.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests the Secretary of Interior to call and hold a Secretarial Election on the proposed constitutional amendments attached hereto within ninety (90) days of receipt of this request.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>March 16, 1993</u>, duly adopted by a vote of <u>nine</u> for and <u>one</u> against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (a) (s) (t) (u) and Article XII 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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