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

- WHEREAS, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is authorized under the provisions of Title 38 U.S. Code Section 3761, et seq., to establish a program of direct loans for Native American Veterans living on trust lands; and
- whereas, the law requires, as a condition of making these loans available, that the tribal organization which has jurisdiction over the veteran enter into Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) with respect to such loans; and
- WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), must approve this agreement as it pertains to Native American trust lands; and
- whereas, the tribe must establish through ordinance standards and procedures that apply to the conveyance of leasehold interests in real property by a Native American veteran borrower to VA as security for the loan, including procedures for foreclosing the interest and procedures for resale of the lot or the dwelling (or both) purchased, constructed or improved using the proceeds of the loan; and
- WHEREAS, Tribal Council concludes that the Tribal Legal Department should be directed to negotiate and draft (1) a Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs and the White Mountain Apache Tribe, (2) a residential lease acceptable to the VA, BIA and White Mountain Apache Tribe and (3) to draft an ordinance which prescribes the minimum requirements of standards and procedures that apply to the conveyance of leasehold interests in real property by a Native American Veteran borrower to the VA as security for the loan, including procedures for foreclosing the interest and procedures for resale of the lot or dwelling (or both) purchased, constructed or improved using the proceeds of the loan.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Tribal Legal Department to carry out the dictates of this resolution and to present an ordinance, residential lease and Memorandum of Understanding to the Tribal Council for further review and consideration by the Tribal Council.

Resolution No. 09-93-240

The foregoing resolution was on <u>September 09</u>, 1993, 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) 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).

FORTAPACHE LIGHT CALLS

Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council