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

- whereas, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe desires to continually expand their knowledge and understanding of the resources on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- whereas, comprehensive data and information regarding the mineral resources on the reservation were last collected in a Phase I mineral assessment in the early 1970's and are somewhat superficial and the mineral sites are difficult to locate on current maps; and
- whereas, the potential economic development projects may go unrealized due to the limited mineralogical information and mapping difficulties regarding the location of these mineral resources available to the Tribe; and
- whereas, it is known that there are micaceous iron deposits, sand and gravel deposits; clays and other mineral resources that are needed by the Tribe and have economic potential but the Tribe lacks adequate information regarding quantities, qualities, and exact locations; and
- whereas, the Tribal Council is interested in the economic development of mineral resources on the reservation whenever such development is consistent with Tribal values and overall development goals.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the submission of a P.L. 93-638 grant application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs that a Phase II Minerals Assessment of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation be undertaken and that this assessment be conducted by geoscience consultants with the assistance of in house professional staff.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it will consider publication of any resource information gathered under the assessment or at least limited release of the information in a poster session public meeting.

The foregoing resolution was on November 04, 1993, duly adopted by a vote of <u>six</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 (b) (h) (i) (j) (k) (u) 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.

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Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council