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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has recognized that expansion of tourism has the potential to generate jobs and create income for the Tribe and Tribal members; and
- WHEREAS, Cultural Tourism is the fastest growing segment of the tourist market among Indian Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, the Fort Apache Indian Reservation has a number of events that can attract more tourists and tourists dollars than are currently the case; and
- WHEREAS, the U.S. Forestry Service has announced availability of funds to promote economic development in rural communities including Indian Tribes; and
- whereas, the establishment of an Office of Cultural Tourism to promote existing events and attractions, attend meetings of regional and state tourism groups, provide the tourist, tour groups, and travel agents information about the Tribe, maintain a calendar of events, and coordinate among existing resources and facilities will greatly enhance the ability of the Tribe to maximize the economic benefits of tourism; and
- WHEREAS, the BIA has Technical assistance funds available that can be used to match the U.S. Forestry Service monies.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes submission of a grant application in the amount of \$50,000 for funding an Office of Cultural Tourism to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>January 05, 1994</u>, duly adopted by a vote of <u>nine</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 IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (i), (j), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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Chairman of the Tribal Council

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