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

- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is experiencing an alarmingly high suicide rate among its people; and
- WHEREAS, the current personnel and program resources to continue to combat this problem are diminishing; and
- whereas, in meetings with governmental and private organizations it has been reported the White Mountain Apache Tribe is currently providing unique and innovative programs to address suicide, given what they consider to be inadequate resources; and
- WHEREAS, these same organizations believe the White Mountain Apache Tribe should lead the way for other tribes with a national model suicide intervention program; and
- WHEREAS, the Johns Hopkins University and its Center for American Indian and Alaskan Native Health, under the direction of Dr. Mathuram Santhosham, has a twenty -three year history of cooperation with and health support for the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, Johns Hopkins University Center for American Indian and Alaskan Native Health has placed its faculty and programs at the disposal of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to seek funding sources, develop model programs, and supplement tribal resources in the battle against suicide.
- BEIT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby supports the involvement of Johns Hopkins University with Tribal Health Authority in the battle against suicide, and sincerely thanks Johns Hopkins for its continued efforts on behalf of the Tribe and its people.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>February 24, 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), (i), (j) and (s) 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).

Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council