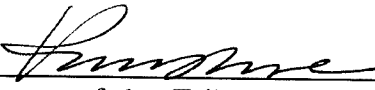


**RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

- WHEREAS,** the 1.66 million acre Fort Apache Indian Reservation, homeland of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, is blessed with an abundance of natural resources and pristine environment, the careful and sustainable management of which is paramount to the cultural and economic well-being of the Tribe and to the health of the reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** to date, the management of the White Mountain Apache Tribe's natural resources has taken place without comprehensive plan or organized body or department to coordinate the many land use activities undertaken by the Tribe, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service; and
- WHEREAS,** the need for improved natural resources coordination and management is great considering the complexities of multi-resource use and management and the burden of increasing government regulation (the Endangered Species Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and other); and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe adopted Resolution No. 02-94-060 on February 24, 1994 by a vote of eight for and zero against, which among other items directed the Tribal Planning Department to prepare a plan and budget for the establishment of a Tribal Natural Resources Department.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby agrees to the pursuit of funds to develop, staff and operate a Tribal Natural Resources Department.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that it hereby approves the attached proposal to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Native Americans, for the project titled "Establishment of a Tribal Natural Resources Planning and Protection Department".
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that it and its administrative body is committed to sustaining the Tribal Natural Resources Planning and Protection Department after the conclusion of the proposed three-year project period, and that the White Mountain Apache Tribe will work to secure funding to ensure that the Department is maintained into the future.

Resolution No. 05-94-121

The foregoing resolution was on May 02, 1994, duly adopted by a vote of eight for and zero against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (c), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (m), (n), (q), (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).

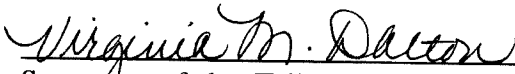


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