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

- WHEREAS, tourism is a major source of revenues and jobs for the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, a number of sites on the reservation can and should be open to tourist if facilities were available to accommodate them; and
- WHEREAS, there are a number of sites that should be protected from the visiting public and the destruction that can and does occur as a result of visitors; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe has no effective mechanism in place to accommodate tourists on many sites and to restrict them from sites to be protected; and
- WHEREAS, the separation of sites into categories of open and restricted has not officially taken place; and
- WHEREAS, the means of accommodating increased concentration of vehicles attendant with the opening of some sites to tourism and the restriction in others has not been addressed; and
- WHEREAS, the identification of sites and the roads to reach them is critical to the Tribal Council's ability to rationally prioritized road projects and to consider alternative transportation means for reaching or restricting sites; and
- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs is funded under the provisions of ISTEA to fund Transportation Enhancement Plans or segments of TEP for Indian Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, the deadline for submission of applications is June 1, 1994.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Planning Department be authorized and instructed to prepare an application to BIA for the study of alternative sites and mechanism for increasing the benefits from tourism while at the same time protecting sites that should not be exposed to the visiting public.

The foregoing resolution was on May 12, 1994, duly adopted by a vote of seven 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), (b), (c), (e), (f), (h), (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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