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FORT APACHE INDIAN AGENCY

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

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is duly recognized by the United States Government in accordance with the 1934 Indian Reorganization Act; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is a sovereign government that has the authority and responsibility to protect, manage and regulate the environment within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation for the health and welfare of its citizens as well as the health of other forms of life; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Environmental Operations Committee of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), a committee recently established "as a forum for tribal leaders and EPA senior managers to discuss management issues in the administration of environmental programs for reservations" as stated in a letter to tribal leaders from the EPA Administrator Carol Browner dated February 3, 1994; and

WHEREAS, the eighteen (18) member EPA Tribal Operations Committee has been diligently working on identifying mechanisms in order to bring about resources for environmental protection needs of Indian tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Operations Committee members for EPA Region IX are requesting tribal support for initial Tribal Operations Committee recommendations to EPA as follows:

1. Reaffirm the 1984 EPA Indian Policy (Completed March 14, 1994);
2. Reaffirm, update and implement the EPA 1984 Implementation Guidance;
3. Reaffirm the EPA State/Tribal Concept Paper of July 1991;
4. Establish a high-level Indian Office within EPA; and

WHEREAS, high visibility of Indian Tribal Government environmental protection needs through the establishment of a high level Indian office within EPA would provide the needed opportunity to bring about real implementation of the 1984 Indian Policy, Implementation Guidance and the EPA State/Tribal Concept paper of July 1991.

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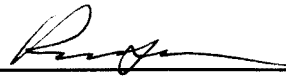
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby supports the four recommendations of the Tribal Operations Committee and requests that EPA implement the recommendations without further delay.

The foregoing resolution was on June 01, 1994, duly adopted by a vote of ten 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), (f), (h), (s), (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



Secretary of the Tribal Council