

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

WHEREAS, the provisions of P.L. 93-638 allow for federally recognized Indian tribes to enter into contracts and cooperative agreements with federal agencies for purposes of tribes themselves providing certain federal services and functions; and

WHEREAS, the continued development of the White Mountain Apache Tribe's and Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Apache Agency's geographic information system (GIS) program and technical expertise is seen as an essential element of effective natural resources management on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the GIS Coordinator in the Tribal Planning Department has shown excellent initiative and potential in the field of GIS and computer systems management, in general; and

WHEREAS, a critical staff position in the BIA's GIS office is presently vacant and should expeditiously be filled so that the overall goal of providing GIS support to tribal and BIA entities may be attained; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal and BIA GIS programs would stand to gain from placement of the tribal GIS Coordinator in the vacant position located in the BIA's GIS office.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, that it hereby agrees that a cooperative agreement between the Tribe and BIA, Fort Apache Agency, should be entered into, where the tribal GIS Coordinator would retain his status as a tribal employee while working under the agreement in the BIA GIS office, in accordance with details which will be developed in the project scope and budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the tribal employee will continue to be supervised by the tribal Environmental Planner but will coordinate closely to meeting GIS objectives with the Manager of BIA, Information Management Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the BIA Superintendent should preserve the vacant BIA GIS Coordinator position while the terms of this agreement are finalized and that funding should be provided at an appropriate level, and that the BIA Superintendent should commit to the continued funding of this position and function based on the importance this function plays to the Tribe and BIA.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the Tribal Chairman, the Vice-Chairman in the Chairman's absence, or their designee, is hereby authorized to negotiate, modify and enter into the aforescribed cooperative agreement.

The foregoing resolution was on February 15, 1996, duly adopted by a vote of ten for and zero against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache, pursuant to authority vested in it by the White Mountain Apache Tribal Constitution, including 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 Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



Chairman of the Tribal Council

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Secretary of the Tribal Council