

**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 best way to provide for the well coordinated and effective management of reservation range lands, irrigation systems, stock tanks, range roads, and other appurtenances that are presently managed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Land Operations, is through entering into a cooperative agreement between the Tribe and the BIA whereby these range management functions are placed under direction of the Tribal Public Works Department; and
- WHEREAS,** other tribal and BIA programs, such as the implementation of livestock association management plans, the Safety of Dams program, the recreation planning and campground maintenance program and others, would benefit from a fully coordinated land operations program which assures that projects match tribal priorities and natural resources management goals and objectives; and
- WHEREAS,** tribal and BIA staff have met several times and worked closely together in designing a land operations program which would best serve the Tribe, as is described in summary form in Attachment A of this resolution.

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 the BIA, Fort Apache Agency, should be entered into, where the Tribal Department of Public Works assumes full administrative and supervisory authority over present functions of the BIA, Branch of Land Operations, in accordance with Attachment A of this resolution, the details of which will be included in a formal application to the BIA Superintendent.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe herein that it hereby exercises the flexibility of P.L. 93-638 in allowing all federal employees included with this action to retain their federal employment status under the terms of the federal Intergovernmental Personnel Act.

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 September 12, 1996, duly adopted by a vote of seven for and two against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by the White Mountain Apache Tribal Constitution, including Article IV, Sections 1 (a), (b), (c), (f), (h), (i), (j), (s), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe on 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).

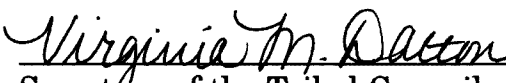
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