

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has always had as its goal a diversified economic base for its people and has encouraged a variety of enterprises to draw upon the renewable natural resources of the Tribe in a way that is environmentally sound, profitable, and which develops the human resources within the tribal membership; and

WHEREAS, over the past 25 years the Tribal Council has developed the Fort Apache Timber Company, Sunrise Park Resort, Game and Fish and other recreational activities, convenience stores, gas stations, and, most recently, the Hon-Dah Casino Complex; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, executed June 23, 1993, provides a window of opportunity for the Tribe to have a source of capital funds for the full development of recreational activities, enterprises, and economic development within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, despite the success of the Hon-Dah Casino and other Indian gaming enterprises throughout the United States, there has been non-Indian opposition politically in the U.S. Congress and in the State Legislature and at the state level, opposition to the development of gaming has been spearheaded by Governor Fife Symington and other special interest groups, despite state sponsorship and a huge advertising budget that markets the state lottery; and

WHEREAS, the Sunrise Park Resort was, at one time, the premier ski resort in the Southwest but now the Council is advised that new technology and consumer demands for more advanced and faster detachable chair lifts and other amenities has left the Sunrise Park Resort as one of only three places in the United States with the slow outdated type of chair lift presently utilized by Sunrise Park Resort for its number one chair lift to the top of Sunrise Mountain; and

WHEREAS, said number one chair lift is now 27 years old, has only one-third the seating capacity and one-half the speed of a high speed detachable four-seater chair lift; and

WHEREAS, it is important if Sunrise is to maintain its place as a ski park resort of increasing popularity and to increase its present level of skier days, that it accommodate the

population growth in the cities of Phoenix and Tucson, which within the next few years will increase by one million persons, and that it upgrade its chair lift capacity as well as snow making capabilities in order to maintain and enhance tribal member employment at the Sunrise Park Resort; and

WHEREAS, the present level of skier days of 225,000 could be increased to 300,000 skier days per season with the addition of amenities, state of the art snow making equipment, and detachable chair lifts as outlined in Sunrise Management's Proposed Priority One Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council this date has been presented with a Priority One Proposal by Sunrise Management, which would include the replacement of the number one chair lift with a detachable high speed four-place chair lift manufactured by the Doppelmayr Company, and would also include the removal of some existing, and now obsolete, chair lifts, installation of state-of-the-art snow making, and other improvements and will prepare Sunrise to meet the demands of the skiing and recreational summer public within two years and thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Planning Department advises the Council that a combination of funding from the Economic Development Agency, RECD Business and Industry Loan Program, and investment tax credit funding can be explored and is a feasible way of financing the entire Sunrise Priority One Proposal over the next two years; and

WHEREAS, in order to secure the Tribe's position of being third in line for the purchase of the number one high speed four-place Doppelmayr chair lift, Sunrise Management requests that \$100,000 be advanced to the Doppelmayr Company, which will allow for the immediate initiation of engineering studies amounting to \$10,000 to \$15,000 for the number one detachable chair lift as well as securing the Tribe's place in line for a to-be-completed high speed detachable chair lift; and

WHEREAS, in the event that funding for the remainder of Priority One is not available this year but will be available for the 97/98 ski season, or that summer, the balance of the \$100,000 may be returned to the Tribe or utilized toward the purchase of the chair lift, contingent upon other funding being available; and

WHEREAS, the Doppelmayr Company is highly flexible in respect to scheduling of payments and the Tribal Planning Department, Tribal Legal Department, and Sunrise Management assures the Tribal Council that appropriate scheduling and construction contracts can be drafted so as to be contingent upon the availability of other funding for the Sunrise Priority One Proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is committed to maintaining and enhancing the reputation and position of the Sunrise Park Resort as an important if not, in the future, the paramount ski resort in the Southwest, and completion of the Priority One Proposal, advanced by Sunrise Management, will secure Sunrise and the White Mountain Apache Tribe's share of the winter and summer recreation market; and

WHEREAS, in respect to snow making, there is a need to explore additional sources and practical usage of water for snow making capability, which will help protect and insulate the Tribe from the unpredictability of winter snows, and the Tribal Council wishes to address any environmental concerns related to the development of snow making capability and enhancement thereof for the Sunrise Park Resort.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the appropriation of \$100,000 to be paid to the Doppelmayr Chair Lift Company for the purpose of securing the Tribe's position to be in line for the purchase of a high speed detachable quad chair lift to replace the existing number one chair lift at Sunrise Park Resort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby authorizes and directs the Tribal Planning Department together with the Sunrise Management and Tribal Legal Department to explore a combination and sources of financing to complete the Priority One Proposal advanced by Sunrise Management this date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it also directs the Tribal Planning, Environmental, Game and Fish, Legal Departments, and Sunrise Management to meet and confer and develop a plan for the enhancement of water sources for the proposed improvement of snow making capability for the Sunrise Park Resort with appropriate and specific attention to environmental concerns and eco-system factors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it directs Sunrise Management and the Tribal Planning Department, after funding has been tentatively secured and arranged for the completion of Priority One Proposal of the Sunrise Management, that said proposal be brought back to the Tribal Council for final approval as to the funding source and repayment terms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that said \$100,000 hereby appropriated for the engineering studies and to be paid to Doppelmayr Company be from 01 with the understanding that when funding is secured it will be repaid to 01.


The foregoing resolution was on February 06, 1997 duly adopted by a vote of nine 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), (i), (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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