

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

WHEREAS, the 1.66 million acre Fort Apache Indian Reservation of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is blessed with an abundance of natural resources and clean environment, the protection of which is paramount to the cultural, spiritual and economic well-being of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in recent years has aggressively developed a tribal capacity for management of natural resources and protection of its reservation environment through establishment of a tribal Environmental Planning Office, by hiring staff to inventory and protect threatened and endangered species, by endorsing development of a tribal Ecosystem Management Code, and through other proactive and innovative initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe previously applied for and received a grant through the U.S. Department of Health Human Services, Administration for Native Americans, for building the tribal program capacity and policies needed to assert full tribal management and control over the natural resources and environment of the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, another program opportunity is now available through the Administration for Native Americans, titled the Indian Environmental Regulatory Enhancement Program, which provide tribes with funding to build and strengthen their ordinances, codes, and policies to support environmental and natural resource management programs.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves application to the Administration for Native Americans for project titled "Regulatory Enhancement of Tribal Ecosystem Management Programs."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it herein affirms and demonstrates its commitment to sustaining the administrative and regulatory elements set into place under this program after the conclusion of the proposed two-year project period and that the Tribe will work to secure funding to ensure that program elements are maintained into the future.

Resolution No. 03-97-060

The forgoing resolution was on March 14, 1997, 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 the White Mountain Apache Tribal Constitution, including Article IV, Sections 1 (a), (b), (f) (i), (j), (k), (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).



Chairman of the Tribal Council



Secretary of the Tribal Council