

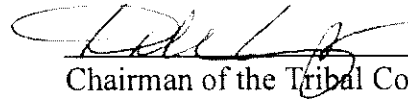
**RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

- WHEREAS**, there are thirteen (13) abandoned underground fuel storage tank systems in varying conditions, previously owned by private entities located on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and fifteen (15) Tribally owned underground fuel storage tank systems no longer in use, and
- WHEREAS**, these private facilities began operating when the Bureau of Indian Affairs in executing its trust responsibility for the White Mountain Apache Tribe, entered into leases for private businesses to operate trading posts with underground fuel storage tank systems on Reservation lands.
- WHEREAS**, these abandoned/closed sites, with their aging underground fuel storage tank systems, are a potential risk to the environment and people of the Reservation and hinder economic redevelopment in these areas, and
- WHEREAS**, to properly remove the underground fuel storage tanks and remediate any soil/groundwater contamination at each of these sites presents a financial burden to the Tribe and may potentially affect Tribal self-determination goals, and
- WHEREAS**, to remove all underground fuel storage tanks and remediate any contamination to the soil and/or groundwater that might have occurred, the Bureau of Indian Affairs is requested to fulfill its trust responsibility obligations to the Tribe from private entities operating under Bureau of Indian Affairs leases and for Tribally owned systems operated under the Bureau of Indian Affairs guidance, by funding or identifying any federal funding that can be used for addressing the underground fuel storage tank situation on the Reservation.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby endorses the efforts of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, in conjunction with the Tribal Environmental Planning Office, that all sources of federal funding be pursued to address the underground fuel storage tank removal and remediation projects and compliance with Tribal and Federal laws.

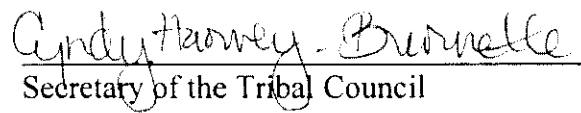
The foregoing resolution was on September 1, 1999 duly adopted by a vote of seven for and zero against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (c), (f), (h), (i), (j), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe,

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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).



Chairman of the Tribal Council



Secretary of the Tribal Council