

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

- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe operates farming and related agricultural programs within the Tribe's lands; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has been advised of the need for repairs to the irrigation equipment in place at the Tribe's Canyon Day farm operation; and
- WHEREAS, the total cost for the repairs will amount to approximately \$65,000 as indicated in a written bid received from Gilbert Pump, Inc.; however, Tribal staff recommend that sufficient repairs for this growing season can be accomplished at a cost of not more than \$40,000, with the remaining repair work to be completed prior to next year's growing season; and
- WHEREAS, this is the spring planting season and Tribal farm personnel are at work planting crops at the Canyon Day farm; and
- WHEREAS, adequate irrigation will be needed for these crops, and other crops the farm program may plant this year; and
- WHEREAS, Tribal staff have also asked permission from the Tribal Council to seek limited consultation and advice from outside agencies and programs, including the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services, and the Navajo County Extension office; and
- WHEREAS, this consultation, as requested by Tribal staff, could be beneficial for reviewing and refining plant nutrition and crop selection decisions; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council agrees with these requests and recommendations to further enhance the productivity and viability of the Canyon Day Farm operations; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council also encourages the development of plans to allow commercial growers to operate at the Canyon Day Farm under a lease arrangement with the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the development of this plan can coincide with further review and investment in the Tribal agriculture program, to provide for more options for the Tribe in undertaking its agriculture program at Canyon Day; and
- WHEREAS, a final decision on any modifications or non-tribal management of farming at Canyon Day will be made following thorough review and a briefing from Tribal staff, but in the interim, the Council authorizes the Tribal Chairman to hold

preliminary discussions with commercial growers, in conjunction with further review of and consultation with Tribal farming programs, in order to develop a complete proposal for future Tribal Council review and action.

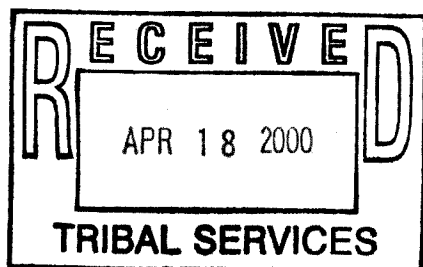
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the expenditure of \$40,000 for the necessary and immediate irrigation repair work for this growing season, as identified in the attached bid document, and on that basis authorizes Tribal staff, including the farm program to complete and contract for such repairs.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the additional expenditure of \$25,000 for the second phase to complete the remaining irrigation system repairs beginning in December 2000, with the understanding that the Tribal Attorney will advise the Tribal Council before the phase two repairs are contracted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it authorizes the Tribal Chairman, in consultation with Tribal staff, for the purpose of making a final report and recommendation to the Tribal Council, to solicit inquires and hold preliminary negotiations with commercial growers concerning farming operations at Canyon Day, such operations to be in conjunction with or in lieu of Tribal managed programs at the Canyon Day Farm.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it authorizes the Tribal farm program, together with the Tribal Environmental Planning and Hydrology programs, and the Legal Department to solicit advice and consultation from outside agencies and programs, including the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services, and the Navajo County Extension office for the purposes set forth above.

The foregoing resolution was on April 7, 2000 duly adopted by a vote of SIX for and ONE against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article I, Section 1, and Article IV, Section 1 (a), (f), (k), (i), (k), (s), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, 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).




ACTING Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council