

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

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe (hereinafter "Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (hereinafter "White Mountain Apache Constitution") pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984, as amended); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the White Mountain Apache Constitution, the governing body of the Tribe is the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council (hereinafter "Tribal Council"); and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has the authority to adopt resolutions and to encourage traditions, language and culture of the Apache people; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2000, the Tonto Apache Tribe and the United States Forest Service entered into an Agreement to Initiate by which the parties intend to exchange private fee lands for United State Forest Service lands adjacent to the Tonto Apache Tribe Reservation so that the Tonto Apache Tribe may acquire additional land for housing for Tribal members and as a homeland for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe desires to support the efforts of the Tonto Apache Tribe to regain aboriginal lands, to provide a homeland for its people and future generations and to preserve the Apache culture and tradition.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that hereby declares its support and approval of the land exchange between the Tonto Apache Tribe and the United States Forest Service for approximately 273 acres of Tonto National Forest Service land near Payson, Arizona to be set aside for the exclusive use of the Tonto Apache Tribal members for their Reservation.

The foregoing resolution was on June 7, 2000 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 Article IV, Section 1 (a), (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).

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