

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

- WHEREAS,** the water and sewer infrastructure for delivery of domestic water to households and the treatment of wastewater on the Reservation has been an ongoing problem for the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** through a combination of loans and grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Rural Development Agency, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has been able to construct water and sewer delivery systems, in part, for Tribal communities within the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the water system for the community of Cedar Creek failed in December, 1999, and the community has since relied on trucking of water for life sustaining drinking, personal hygiene and sanitation, thereby causing great hardship and serious health risk to men, women and children in the Community; and
- WHEREAS,** the cost of building a pipeline from Canyon Day to Cedar Creek, which would rely on the Miner Flat Well Field, is estimated at over 1.5 million dollars and will only be a short-term solution pending construction of a new water delivery system to meet the Community's current and long-term future needs; and
- WHEREAS,** the Miner Flat Well Field, which supplies the Communities of Whiteriver, Canyon Day, East Fork and Fort Apache, is strained before the addition of the community of Cedar Creek, and the Miner Flat well field serving those communities must be expanded to meet sustained, current and future needs in those Communities; and
- WHEREAS,** similar deficiencies in safe and adequate drinking water supplies and need for corrective action for improvement of health are characteristics of the Communities of Cibecue, Carrizo and Turkey Creek; and
- WHEREAS,** there is a need for new Tribal Communities with adequate water and sewer infrastructure to develop along the northern boundary of the Tribe's Reservation to accommodate the Tribe's youthful and growing population where there is room for residential development; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal economic development along the Tribe's northern boundary, including but not limited to the Hon-dah Hotel and Conference Center and RV Park also requires an immediate expansion of water treatment lagoons to ensure that appropriate

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environmental standards are met, but funding is lacking for those critical projects at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concludes that it must petition the Arizona Congressional Delegation and appropriate Congressional Committees for planning and development funds for a Reservation wide municipal-domestic water distribution system and associated wastewater systems to meet current and future needs of the Tribe.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman and a delegation of Tribal Council members to meet with Congressional representatives in Washington, D.C. to petition for funding, including any necessary authorizing legislation, for a domestic water supply delivery system for the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

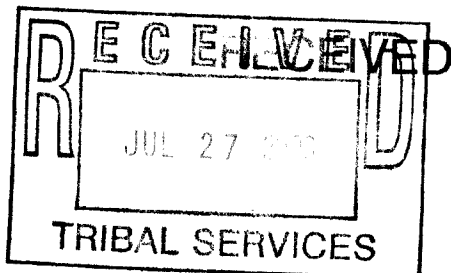
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes and directs the Tribal Environmental Department to prepare a needs assessment of the Tribe's municipal water supply delivery system with the assistance of consulting engineers and hydrologists for the purpose of fully informing appropriate Congressional representatives and committees of the Tribe's drinking water requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes and directs the Tribal Environmental Department to continue to seek appropriate funding and remedial measures for the restoration of potable water to the Cedar Creek Community.

The foregoing resolution was on July 10, 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) (c) (f) (h) (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 Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

White Mountain Apache Tribe
Tribal Attorney

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ACTING Chairman of the Tribal Council

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Secretary of the Tribal Council