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

- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is interested in obtaining economic development through feasible road construction projects; and
- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs agreed to provide the BIA FAIR 70 (30) Seven Mile Road Project and the BIA FAIR 55 (1) Quintero Bridge Project to the White Mountain Apache Tribe to be constructed utilizing P.L. 93-638; and
- WHEREAS, the two specified projects were reviewed by the Tribal Roads Committee and determined not to be cost-effective for Tribal interest due to substantial subcontracting requirements for the projects; and
- WHEREAS, the long-term liability for the contractor of the Quintero Bridge is deemed to be high risk; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Tribal Roads Committee recommends that the Tribe not accept responsibility as a prime contractor for these projects due to the high-risk construction liability; and
- WHEREAS, these two construction projects would impose a large financial burden on the White Mountain Apache Tribe during the construction phase.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the offer by the Bureau of Indian Affairs to construct BIA FAIR 70 (30) Seven Mile Road Project and the BIA FAIR 55 (1) Quintero Bridge Project is hereby declined.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it reserves the option to review future BIA construction projects for consideration of P.L. 93-638 acquisition.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>January 9, 2001</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>SIX</u> for and <u>ZERO</u> against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (h), (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

ACTING Secretary of the Tribal Council