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

- WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Transportation has offered to install a permanent sign at the Reservation boundary on Highway 260 providing notice of entry onto the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, ADOT informed the Tribal Roads Committee that wording on the sign would read Fort Apache Indian Reservation as described in the Archive Library; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is a federally recognized Indian tribe with sovereign authority of self governance and self determination and as such has the power to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe and to appoint subordinate committees; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has established the Tribal Roads Committee to act on behalf of the Tribal Council when monitoring and administering transportation projects within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Roads Committee reviewed ADOT's proposed Fort Apache Indian Reservation boundary sign and found that many members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe would prefer that the sign read White Mountain Apache Reservation due to cultural and historic reasons; and
- WHEREAS, ADOT officials have agreed to change the wording of the sign at the request of the Tribal Council.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby agrees with the findings and recommendation of the Tribal Roads Committee that the wording on the ADOT entry sign to the reservation at Highway 260 shall read White Mountain Apache Reservation, instead of Fort Apache Indian Reservation.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that any future ADOT sign or information that refer to the Reservation shall read *White Mountain Apache Reservation*.

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), (c), (s), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the

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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