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

- WHEREAS, the current roadway that connects the residents along the North Fork of the White River that originates at the Old Fairgrounds Road and terminates at the Baptist Church and State Route 73, also known as Route 55-A on the attached map, is in need of an all-weather bridge located south and below the Baptist Church to insure the protection of tribal residents as well as those traveling this route when it is used as an alternate route or detour; and
- WHEREAS, this road has experienced many washouts caused by heavy mountain rains over the past years and the repairs made have not lasted for more than a season; and
- WHEREAS, the protection and safety of Tribal members is a high priority of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.
- **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Tribal Roads Committee to prioritize the construction of an all-weather bridge located south and below the Baptist Church on Route 55-A on the current WMAT road priority listing.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it directs the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Western Regional Office to begin the initial studies that are required to bring about the necessary plans and specifications to construct this bridge in the near future.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>February 21, 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), (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).

Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council