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

- WHEREAS, local economic growth springs from business formation and expansion at the local level and the current lending climate operates to restrict local economic opportunity; and
- WHEREAS, start up and new venture financing for reservation-based business development is extremely difficult to secure given local capital markets characterized by conservative lending policies, high commercial loan rates, short term and reluctance to participate in venture involving above average risks; and
- WHEREAS, the US Department of Agriculture Rural Development Intermediary Relending Program provides support to financial intermediaries, such as the White Mountain Apache Revolving Credit Program, in the form of a loan repayable over 30 years at 1 percent interest, which the White Mountain Apache Revolving Credit Program in the form of a loan repayable over 30 years at 1 percent interest, which the White Mountain Apache Revolving Credit Program can relend to Tribal member small businesses and tribal enterprises to create and retain jobs within the White Mountain Apache reservation.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby supports the White Mountain Apache Revolving Credit Program application to the US Department of Agriculture Rural Development Intermediary Relending Program in an amount up to the level of \$1,000,000 and directs such submission to be in consultation and coordination with review from the WMAT Planning, Grants and Contracts, Controller/Treasury and Legal Department.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>February 22, 2001</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>FIVE</u> for, <u>ZERO</u> against, and <u>ONE</u> abstention by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (h), (i), (j), (k), (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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Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council