

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

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Education Department has limited funds with which to train and provide placement services for Tribal members seeking vocational and technical training in order to assist in their pursuit of employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, there are many employment opportunities on the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation in the areas of woodworking and horticulture including similar home-based employment opportunities; and

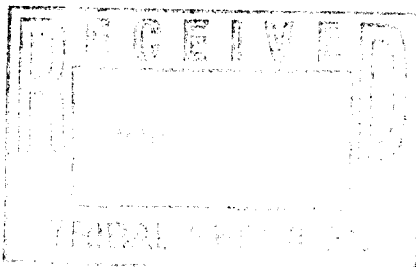
WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Education Department Staff has worked to establish a sound foundation and cooperative working arrangements with Northland Pioneer College, Northern Arizona University, the University of Arizona, the State of Arizona Rehabilitation Services Administration, the American Indian Rehabilitation Research and Training Center and various Tribal Programs; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Education is providing funding assistance through its Native American Vocational and Technical Education Program (NAVTEP) which will allow federally recognized Indian Tribes to improve vocational and technical education assistance to Tribal Members; and


WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Education Department is applying for funding assistance under the U.S. Department of Education's NAVTEP, so that it may improve such significantly needed vocational and technical skills of Tribal Members on the Reservation, attempt to decrease the White Mountain Apache Tribe's current unemployment rate of approximately 60% and allow Tribal Members to enter into and retain gainful employment.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the filing of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Education for a NAVTEP, and if funded by such grant, the Tribe's Education Department will establish the White Mountain Apache Vocational and Technical Education Program, through which Tribal members may acquire woodworking, horticultural or other needed skills to obtain employment.

The foregoing resolution was on February 22, 2001 duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN 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), (b), (h), (i), (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