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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has this day and on February 21, 2001 heard reports from Housing Authority Executive Director Victor Velasquez, Tribal Planner Milfred Cosen and Private Consultant Joanna Donohoe regarding the possibility of seeking an Empowerment Zone designation within the reservation; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Velasquez, Mr. Cosen and Ms. Donohoe report that obtaining this Empowerment Zone designation could result in funding and other resources and benefits that would significantly further the housing, economic development and job creation efforts of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the Housing Authority, in conjunction with the Tribal Planning Department has enlisted the assistance of Ms. Joanna Donohoe as a private consultant on this matter; and
- WHEREAS, the application process for the Empowerment Zone designation is extremely extensive and involves the development of a comprehensive community strategic plan.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby endorses this effort and designates the White Mountain Apache Housing Authority, by and through Mr. Velasquez, and the White Mountain Apache Planning Department, by and through Mr. Cosen, to serve as the lead organizations to coordinate the development of the required community strategic plan and the completion of the Empowerment Zone designation application due in October, 2001.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes Chairman Dallas Massey, Sr., to sign all documentation related to the Empowerment Zone application.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Housing Authority and the Planning Department to request assistance from the Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona to complete technical portions of the Empowerment Zone application.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Housing Authority and the Planning Department shall keep the Tribal Council advised on the status of the efforts to secure the Empowerment Zone designation.

Resolution No. <u>05-2001-126</u>

The foregoing resolution was on May 14, 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), (j), (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).

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Chairman of the Tarbal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council