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, and reluctance to participate in ventures involving above average risks; and
- WHEREAS, the U.S. 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 grant in the amount of \$200,000, which the White Mountain Apache Revolving Credit Program can lend to Tribal members 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 U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Intermediary Relending Program in an amount of \$200,000 and authorizes the Executive Director of the White Mountain Apache Revolving Credit Program to sign all necessary documents to carry out the intent of this program.

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), (h), (i), (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).

Chair

Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council