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

- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs Fort Apache Agency Fire Management Program has funding for a Prescribed Fire/Fuels Specialist; and
- WHEREAS, this mission serves the needs of the Tribe by providing technical assistance for the planning, direction, operational oversight, and other assistance in implementing the mechanical fuels treatment and prescribed fire program within tribal lands; and
- WHEREAS, Tribal involvement in this position has always been important, to maintain effective fire and monitoring programs and to coordinate and manage fuels cooperative agreements for tribal lands, and to address cultural concerns with all of these programs; and
- WHEREAS, the Prescribed Fire/Fuels Management Program Specialist position is currently vacant at the agency; and
- WHEREAS, this position could be contracted to the Tribe under P.L. 93-638; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council determines that it wishes to enter into a 638 Contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for this position.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests and authorizes a P.L. 93-638 Contract between the Tribe and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Apache Agency for the function of Prescribed Fire/Fuel Management Specialist and that all program support funding tied to this position will be made available to the Tribe pursuant to this 638 Contract.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby delegates authority to the Tribal Chairman, with the assistance of Tribal Forestry staff, to complete and sign the 638 contract application, final contract, and other documents necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>JUNE 7, 2001</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>EIGHT</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), (b), (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 Counci

Secretary of the Tribal Council