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

- WHEREAS, by virtue of the Tribe's inherent sovereignty over the lands and waters of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, in addition to the powers listed in the Tribal Constitution, the Tribal Council has the authority and responsibility to protect and promote the health of tribal ecosystems; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe's Statement of Relationship with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provides that the Service will provide technical assistance to the Tribe and that the Tribe and the Service will cooperate to promote healthy ecosystems; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe previously has received funding from the Service through the Partners for Wildlife Program and has successfully carried out projects under that program; and
- WHEREAS, the Service has agreed to provide technical assistance and funding to the Tribe for three more projects, namely the Upper Firebox Creek Culvert Removal and Repair Project, the Blue Springs and Hughey Creek Restoration Project, and the Squaw and Flash Creek Barrier Project; and
- WHEREAS, Tribal staff in the Watershed Program and Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation Division, and Special Counsel have negotiated mutually-acceptable Agreements with the Service for these projects.
- **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the Agreements between the Tribe and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman and in his absence, the Vice-Chairman or other duly authorized official, to execute all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman and in his absence, the Vice-Chairman or other duly authorized official, to execute future agreements under the Partners for Wildlife Program, provided that the projects and agreements have been approved by the Tribal Plan and Project Review Committee and the Tribal Legal Department.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>JUNE 12, 2001</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>FIVE</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), (f), (h), (j), (s), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified

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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

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Secretary of the Tribal Council