

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

WHEREAS, the Tonto Apache Tribe has requested a statement of support to the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Services Department regarding a proposed land exchange between the U.S. Forest Services and the Tonto Apache Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tonto Apache Tribe proposes to exchange more than 400 acres of private land within the Coconino, Prescott, Tonto and Sitgreaves National Forest, Gila, Yavapai and Navajo County, Arizona for approximately 273 acres of U.S. Forest Service land adjoining the Tonto Apache Tribe's current Tribal lands in Payson, Arizona; and

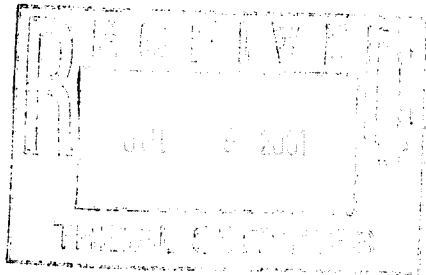
WHEREAS, the Tonto Apache Tribe currently occupies 85 acres of land with 110 enrolled tribal members living in overcrowded conditions; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest of the Tonto Apache Tribe to reacquire their ancestral lands for residential purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby recognizes its longstanding relationship with the Tonto Apache Tribe, and thereby supports their efforts in reacquiring their ancestral land.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves to release a statement of support on behalf of the Tonto Apache Tribe to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Services Department for an exchange of land between the two aforementioned parties.

The foregoing resolution was on June 20, 2001 duly adopted by a vote of SIX 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), (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

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Secretary of the Tribal Council