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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has on this date reviewed and discussed recent developments in tribal gaming in Arizona under the tribal-state gaming compacts; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe and other Arizona tribes have been negotiating new gaming compacts with the State of Arizona to maintain class III gaming operations beyond the initial term of the current gaming compacts; and
- WHEREAS, the recent Arizona U.S. District Court ruling, now under appeal, found, among other things, that the Arizona Governor is not authorized to execute new gaming compacts on behalf of the State of Arizona; and
- WHEREAS, in view of the District Court ruling, alternative compact negotiation and ratification avenues must be pursued, at a greater cost and effort to the White Mountain Apache Tribe and the other Arizona gaming tribes; and
- WHEREAS, a proposal has been formulated by the Arizona Indian Gaming Association (AIGA), of which the Tribe is member, to fund a collective effort by all member tribes to complete negotiations and obtain appropriate ratification for the new gaming compacts, said effort to be completed by no later than the Fall 2002 general state election; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that the investment of Tribal funds for the future stability of regulated gaming for the Tribe is essential to the economic welfare of the Tribe and the region, and is needed to preserve this source of essential Tribal government revenue; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concludes that under the AIGA proposal a total of \$550,000 in Tribal funds shall be appropriated for this collective effort, subject to payment terms and conditions set forth below, which accommodate other pressing Tribal budgetary needs and seasonal fluctuations in Tribal cash flow.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the appropriation and expenditure of \$550,000 in Tribal funds for the White Mountain Apache Tribe's share towards the AIGA collective gaming

compact negotiation effort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the appropriation and expenditure shall be subject to the following

- The payment of \$550,000 shall be divided into equal pro-rata monthly 1. payments beginning on or about November 1, 2001 and ending on or about December 31, 2002.
- Upon determination by the Tribal Chairman, with ratification by the 2. Tribal Council, monthly payments may be suspended or adjusted in response to severe seasonal fluctuations in cash flow if such interruption or adjustment is necessary to meet existing Tribal debt and payroll obligations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Chairman is directed to advise the AIGA of this Tribal Council Resolution and to take other measures reasonably necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on August 28, 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), (b), (h), (i), (k), (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).