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

- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council has the power to act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe and its members; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is aware that the Bureau of Indian Affairs promulgated a new version of its regulations governing Financial Assistance and Social Services Programs found at 25 Code of Federal Regulations Part 20; and
- WHEREAS, the new provisions found in 25 CFR Part 20 were promulgated without consultation from the White Mountain Apache Tribe and other Indian nations as required in the Department of Interior's Government-to-Government Consultation Policy and President William Jefferson Clinton's Executive Order 13175, November 6, 2000; and
- WHEREAS, Neil McCaleb, the Bureau of Indian Affairs Assistant Secretary for the Department of the Interior recently provided the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and other Indian Nations within Arizona, a limited waiver from applicability of select sections of Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations, specifically Sections 25 CFR 20.502(a) and (b), as well as 25 C.F.R. Sections 20.334(b), 20.501(c), 20.502(b) and 20.503(d) until December 31, 2001; and
- WHEREAS, the Director of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Department of Social Services has informed the Tribal Council that her Department will encounter difficulty in its compliance with the new regulations and requires a waiver of the regulation pending the withdrawal/or significant revision of 25 C.F.R. Sections 20.334(b), 20.501(c),20.502(b) and 20.503(d) and until the White Mountain Apache Tribe has been afforded the required notice and opportunity to comment on Bureau regulations prior to their finalization; and
- WHEREAS, the Director has provided the Tribal Council a copy of a proposed letter requesting waiver of the regulations addressed to Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Neal McCaleb for the Council's review and approval; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that the letter to Assistant Secretary Neil McCaleb is proper and required to address a need of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Department of Social Services.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby endorses sending a letter to the Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Mr. Neal McCaleb, requesting an extension of the waiver of the following regulations of Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations: Sections 25 CFR 20.502(a) and (b), as well as 25 C.F.R. Sections 20.334(b), 20.501(c), 20.502(b) and 20.503(d) pending the withdrawl or significant revision of these regulations and the Bureau's provision of notice and opportunity for comment to Tribes prior to the finalization of any revised version of these regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Chairman, or in his absence the Vice Chairman, to sign the letter to the Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Mr. Neal McCaleb discussed and approved this day.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>11/21/01</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>6</u> for and <u>0</u> against and <u>0</u> abstention by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (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 Council

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Signatures of the members of the Tribal Council represent their approval of Tribal Council Resolution No. 11-2001- 308	
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