

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

- WHEREAS**, the Tribal Forestry Department is reviewing a program to adopt commercial forest certification standards for Tribal forests; and
- WHEREAS**, the forest certification program is intended to advise purchasers of forest products that the harvesting and production of such products is consistent with sound silvicultural and renewable resource management techniques; and
- WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribe, through its Comprehensive Forest Management Plan and forestry program already applies sound silvicultural and natural resource management principles to its forestry program; and
- WHEREAS**, the certification of the program could provide additional assurance to consumers of the Tribe's forest products of such practices and help develop additional commercial markets for the Tribe's forest products; and
- WHEREAS**, a preliminary assessment completed by a Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) in October, 2001 found that the forest management operations on Tribal lands is well positioned to achieve certification, were a full evaluation to be conducted; and
- WHEREAS**, the First Nations Development Institute, a non-profit Native American economic development organization, whose mission is to work with Tribes and Native communities to help them create self-reliant, Native controlled economies, has funding available to help Tribes pursue certification; and
- WHEREAS**, this funding does not obligate the White Mountain Apache Tribe to complete certification; and
- WHEREAS**, a Tribal Council Resolution is needed to apply for grant funding.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests and authorizes Tribal Forestry to apply for grant funding through the First Nations Development Institute.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby delegates authority to the Tribal Forest Manager, Paul DeClay, Jr., to apply for the certification funding, provided that if funding is awarded, Mr. DeClay will report back to the Tribal Council and request approval before undertaking the certification work or hiring the independent contractor.

The foregoing resolution was on March 6, 2002 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), (f), (h), (i), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the

Resolution No. 03-2002-49

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



Secretary of the Tribal Council