

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


- WHEREAS, Tribal Member Ralph Thomas has come before the Tribal Council with a request to use land in Hon-Dah to develop a firewood processing and sales business; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas has identified land adjacent to Highway 260 at the power line crossing as the proposed site; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas has received Land Board approval for the location; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas would purchase, process, and sell lumber products for use as firewood, and utilize specialized machinery for processing the firewood; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas intends to develop a market throughout the region for the firewood; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council recognizes the benefits of processing firewood to create new jobs and to reduce the buildup of wood fuels in the Tribal forest; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that the now vacant wood yard adjacent to the Home Center would prove a better location for the business, as it has already been developed for commercial use; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council would also like Mr. Thomas to finalize key details with Tribal representatives, including the Legal Department and Tribal Forestry Office, concerning the scope of the business and the conditions under which the business will operate; and
- WHEREAS, after these preparations are completed, Council requests that the final proposal be returned to Council for approval.

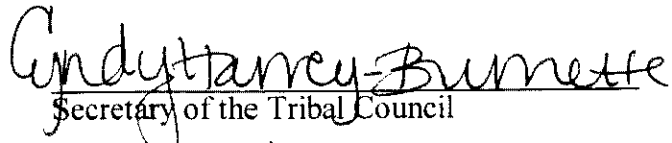
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby gives preliminary approval to Tribal Member Ralph Thomas to undertake plans and preparation to establish a firewood processing and sales business at the location of the now vacant Hon-Dah Home Center wood yard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it directs the Tribal staff, including the Legal Department and Tribal Forestry office, to work with Mr. Thomas to prepare final terms of the permission granted to Mr. Thomas for operating his business at the location, subject to final Tribal Council review and approval.

The foregoing resolution was on May 17, 2002 duly adopted by a vote of eight for and zero against and one abstention 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), (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).


ACTING Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council