

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

WHEREAS, the Rodeo-Chediski Fire Complex, the largest fire in Arizona history, encompasses more than 276,000 burned acres within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, roughly a sixth of the Tribe's land base, and has destroyed approximately 466 million board feet of timber; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe's devastating financial and economic losses are still being calculated, but are certain to run in the hundreds of millions of dollars in commercial timber alone, not including the loss of recreational business, rangelands, and roads; and

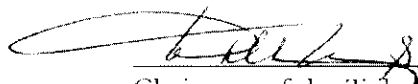
WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe's losses also include the destruction of immeasurably valuable, irreplaceable cultural sites; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 07-2002-175, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe directed tribal staff to seek all available state and federal funding, including aid from federal agencies and Congress, to assist the Tribe in its recovery from the devastation caused by the Rodeo-Chediski Fire Complex; and


WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has determined that Charles Peone has the technical expertise and professional experience to coordinate the lobbying effort, which will include traveling to Washington, D.C., with tribal leaders to visit Congressional representatives.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to appoint Charles Peone to coordinate the Tribe's lobbying efforts to obtain financial recovery aid from federal agencies and Congress.

The foregoing resolution was on August 12, 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), (c), (f), (h), (i), (j), (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



Secretary of the Tribal Council