

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

WHEREAS, the lands of the White Mountain Apache Tribe are blessed with an abundance of natural resources which are the foundation for the activities, the culture, and the spiritual beliefs of the people of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe commits considerable financial resources in personnel to the conservation, maintenance, restoration, and protection of its vast natural resource base; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe, through scholarships, internship opportunities, and outreach programs, has seen the development of skilled tribal member professionals trained in areas of natural resource management, and has also seen an increase in community awareness concerning natural resource management and control; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe recognizes the need to do even more to broaden the outreach and understanding of community members for the stewardship and protection of its natural resource base; and

WHEREAS, Tribal natural resource staff requested that the Tribe participate in activities to be held throughout the world on April 22, 2003, which is recognized as Earth Day; and

WHEREAS Earth Day events are intended to support education and outreach throughout the nation and the world to enhance understanding and respect for the earth's precious natural resource base, which supports all life and activity; and


WHEREAS, the Earth Day objectives and goals are consistent with the long held beliefs and practices of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and for that reason it supports recognition of and participation in Earth Day activities.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes and endorses participation in the annual Earth Day and Earth week activities, scheduled this year to focus on the events of April 22, 2003, known as Earth Day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes programs by the Tribal Natural Resource staff for the Earth Day activities and encourages all Tribal members and Tribal staff to participate in and support the Earth Day activities of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and that such activities will be planned for each year hereafter as an annual recognition of Earth

Day.

The foregoing resolution was on April 3, 2003 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT 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), (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