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

- WHEREAS, Native American tribes have become significant and influential participants in the economy of the State of Arizona; and
- WHEREAS, Native American tribes have an urgent need to educate our most talented youngsters in the professions so they can lead their tribes in pursuits and economic activities of benefit to the tribes while preserving our cultural assets and natural resources; and
- WHEREAS, the records of the State's three universities show that Native American college students have the highest dropout rate of all ethnic groups; and
- WHEREAS, the ANSER Foundation, established in 1995, has developed and implemented a program to address the high college drop out rate of Native American college students and to increase retention of Native American students at colleges and universities; and
- WHEREAS, the program developed by the ANSER Foundation has been tremendously successful in preparing students to enter universities and complete their university educations; and
- WHEREAS, the ANSER Program is prepared to increase the number of Native American students who attend independent private day schools in the State of Arizona and who receive academic support services and scholarships under the auspices of the Program; and
- WHEREAS, the State of Arizona has instituted the Arizona School Tax Credit Program under which the ANSER Foundation qualifies as a Scholarship Tuition Organization that can receive donations under the provisions of the Arizona School Tax Credit Program; and
- WHEREAS, contributions to the ANSER Foundation may be made by individuals under the Arizona School Tax Credit Program.

- **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby recognizes and supports the educational work of the ANSER Foundation.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it directs Tribal staff to implement a voluntary Payroll Tax Deduction Program, if feasible, by which any Tribal employees may elect to make voluntary tax-deductible contributions to the ANSER Foundation by having the amount of their contribution deducted from their pay checks.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it encourages its employees to participate in the White Mountain Apache Tribe Voluntary Payroll Tax Deduction Program for the benefit of the ANSER Foundation.

The foregoing resolution was on May 15, 2003, duly adopted by a vote of NINE 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 on 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 Cribal Coun

Secretary of the Tribal Council