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

(Authorizing Armstrong Consultants, Inc. to Complete a Master Plan for a Cibecue Airport and an Evaluation of Whether BIA Funds Expended for Construction of the Existing Cibecue Airport Were Wasted)

- WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 11-2002-310, accepted a Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") grant of \$113,825.00; and
- WHEREAS, the FAA grant was supplemented by White Mountain Apache Tribe in the amount of \$11,175.00, for the purpose of funding a feasibility study, site selection, and airport layout plan for a facility to be known as the Cibecue Airport; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 09-2003-230, Armstrong Consultants, Inc. (the "Consultant"), was retained through a Professional Services Agreement (the "Agreement") to undertake a Master Plan and site analysis for an airport for the Cibecue community, including an analysis of the existing Cibecue Airport; and
- WHEREAS, the Consultant, as part of its duties under the Agreement, has determined that the existing Cibecue Airport cannot be modified to meet FAA standards for funding airport improvements, and that aircraft cannot safely land at the existing Cibecue Airport; and
- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs ("BIA") had previously diverted forestry funds and spent these funds for construction of the existing Cibecue Airport; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is concerned that the funds spent by the BIA on constructing the existing Cibecue Airport were wasted; and
- WHEREAS, the Cibecue community remains in dire need of a functional, operating and improved airport, which can only be funded with FAA participation; and
- WHEREAS, the Consultant has investigated six alternative sites in the Cibecue area, including the existing Cibecue Airport, as part of the site selection process under the Master Plan, and the only site that meets all the FAA screening criteria for an airport is a site located southeast of Lonely Mountain, identified as Site 3.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that:

- 1. The Tribal Engineer is hereby authorized to forward a copy of the Consultant's report to the BIA and request comment on the Consultant's findings regarding the existing Cibecue Airport.
- 2. Armstrong Consultants, Inc., is further authorized to complete the master plan for the Cibecue Airport for the site identified as Site 3, located southeast of Lonely Mountain.

Resolution No. 11-2004-260

The foregoing resolution was on NOVEMBER 3, 2004 duly adopted by a vote of FIVE for and FOUR against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (h), (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).

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