## **Resolution No. 04-2005-91**

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

(Authorizing the Housing Authority to apply for an ANA grant to fund a Boys and Girls Club, and further authorizing the use of the Youth Center, estimated at approximately \$500,000 in value, as an in-kind donation)

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has this day and April 7, 2005 heard reports from White Mountain Apache Housing Authority ("Housing Authority") and other representatives of the community regarding a project to establish the White Mountain Apache Boys and Girls Club ("Club"); and
- WHEREAS, over 55 percent of tribal members are under 25 years old, compared to 31 percent in the general population in the United States; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is concerned about the issues facing this growing youth population including drug and alcohol abuse, teenage pregnancy, suicide, school drop-out rates, and increased involvement with criminal activity which result in part from a lack of positive youth activities and program; and
- WHEREAS, the Housing Authority reports that the White Mountain Apache community has been engaged in the planning process for this initiative through a Native Boys and Girls Club Steering Committee ("Steering Committee") and strongly supports the initiative, as evidenced by resolutions from the white Mountain Apache Community Presidents, Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority, and Canyon Day Junior High School Student Council; and
- WHEREAS, the Housing Authority reports that obtaining a charter from the Boys and Girls Club of America could result in funding and other resources and benefits that would significantly further the youth development services and safe housing conditions on the reservation through a sustainable Boys and Girls Club Unit; and
- WHEREAS, the Housing Authority is pursuing a grant opportunity from the Administration for Native American (ANA) Social and Economic Development Strategies program to fund a start-up project to open a Boys and Girls Club Unit at the White Mountain Apache Tribe Youth Center ("Youth Center"), with other possible Extension Units in additional locations.

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- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby endorses this effort and designates the White Mountain Apache Housing Authority to serve as the lead organization working in coordination with Apache Behavioral Health Services and other members of the Steering Committee to coordinate the establishment of the White Mountain Apache Boys and Girls Club.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby designates the White Mountain Apache Tribe Youth Center as the main location for the Club, subject to a lease agreement between the Tribe and the Club.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby supports the Housing Authority's plans to apply for an ANA grant to fund this start-up project, and commits the use of the Youth Center, estimated at approximately \$500,000 in value, as an in-kind donation to serve as a non-federal math for the ANA grant throughout the grant period.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Housing Authority shall keep the Council advised on the status of the efforts to establish the Club and any Extension Units.

The foregoing resolution was on April 6, 2005, 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).

ACTING Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council