



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

(Authorizing Farm Bill Agreements)

- WHEREAS,** section 1242 of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, Public Law 107-171 (2002 Farm Bill) provides for technical and financial assistance to agriculture producers through programs such as the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP), the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP), and other programs; and
- WHEREAS,** the legislation provides for United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service ("NRCS") to enter into contracts to pay for structural and management practices with individual farmers and ranchers on private land and non-Federal entities such as Indian Tribes on Tribal lands; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe desires to conserve, protect, and restore natural resources including rangeland resources and wildlife habitat on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the projects consisting of structural and management practices are intended to further promote the conservation, protection, and restoration of natural resources; and
- WHEREAS,** NRCS has informed the Tribe that Section 512.21 of its Conservation Programs Manual requires signatory verification in which signature authority is delegated for an individual to represent an entity for all administrative actions associated with a program application and/or contract; and
- WHEREAS,** this signature authority is an agency requirement to continue to deliver technical and financial services to the Tribe under Farm Bill programs.

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

1. Agreements with NRCS are hereby authorized for the purposes described herein, including receiving payment for completion of structural or management practices.
2. Budgets are hereby authorized for existing and future NRCS agreements, subject to applicable terms and conditions of the contracts or agreements and review by the Tribe's legal department.
3. The Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairwoman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all document necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

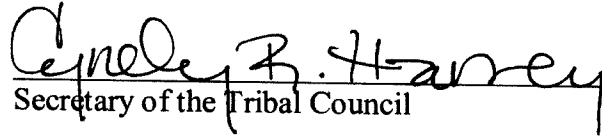
The foregoing resolution was on July 12, 2007, duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (i), (k), (s), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the

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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