



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

(Approving Application to U.S. Administration for Native Americans Grant for Social and Economic Development Strategies)

- WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the 1.66 million acres Fort Apache Indian Reservation of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is blessed with an abundance of natural resources and clean environment, the protection of which is paramount to the cultural, spiritual, and economic well-being of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in recent years has aggressively developed a tribal capacity for management of natural resources and protection of its reservation environment, including the development of policies and ordinances, establishing the Division of Natural Resources, by endorsing the development and revision of current codes, and through other proactive and innovative initiatives; and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Administration for Native Americans program, entitled the Social and Economic Development Strategies, strengthens tribal governments through capacity building to identify, plan, develop and implement environmental programs; and
- WHEREAS,** a number of Tribal ordinances have been conceptualized or exist and need revision, such as, the Tribal Land Code, Tribal Plan and Project Review, Tribal Intellectual Property, and the Water User Code, which when completed will further assert the Tribe's sovereign authority over its lands and resources, and further augment present management capacity; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe's Division of Natural Resources did this day propose submission of an application to ANA for funding an Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS)-Governance program for the Tribe over a three-year period; and
- WHEREAS,** the proposed project will enable the Tribe to build its capacity to develop a comprehensive Natural Resources Code, utilizing geographic information systems technology to better regulate its homeland; and
- WHEREAS,** DNR seeks from ANA a grant of \$250,000 a year for three years, with a twenty percent match of funds to be provided by the Tribe in the form of in-kind contributions; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council finds that the proposed ANA grant application to be in the best interests of the protection of the Tribe's natural resources and the Tribe, and should therefore be approved.

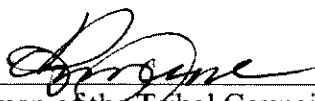
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BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that:

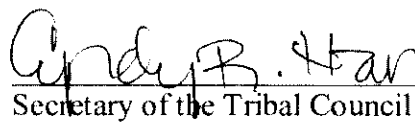
1. The grant application to the U.S. Administration of Native Americans (ANA) as described herein is hereby approved for the purposes of funding a project entitled, "*White Mountain Apache Tribal Heritage Resource Code Development Project.*"
2. The Tribal Council herein affirms and demonstrates its commitment to sustaining the administrative and regulatory elements set into place under this program after the conclusion of the proposed three-year period and that the tribe will work to secure funding to ensure the program elements are maintained into the future.
3. In the event the application is approved by the ANA and funds are received, a budget for expenditure is hereby approved, subject to the terms and conditions of the grant and a review thereof by the Tribe's Legal Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairwoman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on March 19, 2008, duly adopted by a vote of SIX 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), (f), (h), (i), (j), (k), (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