



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

(Establishing Tribal Forestry Carbon Emission Offset Program)

- 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 2002 Rodeo-Chediski fire burned 277,000 acres on the Fort Apache Reservation, including approximately 50,000 acres of land requiring reforestation, and since 2003 the tribe has planted tree seedlings on over 10,000 acres; and
- WHEREAS,** additional reforestation projects will require extensive fund raising to generate resources to plant approximately 500,000 to 750,000 seedlings per year for the next 20 years to effectively replace the forest in operable, commercial forest sites not likely to regenerate naturally; and
- WHEREAS,** reforestation projects positively impact the environment in many ways, including the sequestering of carbon; and
- WHEREAS,** climate change is an observable global phenomenon affecting all living things in dramatic and unpredictable ways, and human activity is responsible for the recent warming of the atmosphere is referred to as the "Greenhouse Effect"; and
- WHEREAS,** carbon dioxide, the most detrimental greenhouse effect gas, continues to increase due to human emissions, and this will affect all living things; and
- WHEREAS,** due to increasing human awareness of the deleterious effects of climate change, domestic and international economies and governments are creating market incentives to off-set human activities responsible for the increase of greenhouse gases, primarily carbon dioxide; and
- WHEREAS,** one of the ways to off-set carbon dioxide deposition is to sequester carbon, a natural function of a forested environment as trees sequester carbon and large tracts of productive forested lands sequester more carbon than non-forested environments or grasslands; and
- WHEREAS,** emerging carbon trading institutions broker exchanges between carbon sequestration entities and entities that generate the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide as a by-product of production through sales of carbon off-set credits; and
- WHEREAS,** the Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX), a brokering financial institution, is currently connected with the Colville, Salish Kootenai, Assiniboine Sioux, Nez Perce Tribes by trading carbon credits through the Forestry Carbon Emission Offset Program; and
- WHEREAS,** sales of carbon credits by the Tribe could generate an alternative and long-term funding source to, along with corporate donations, grants from private foundations, and government programs, support the reforestation program; and
- WHEREAS,** currently few restrictions and caps exist, but the industry is rapidly developing and time is of the essence in capitalizing on this opportunity in the current environment, for example, last year

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credits could be bought for projects dating back to 1990, and now that has been adjusted to projects dating back only to 2003; and

WHEREAS, carbon credits may be available for four areas including: afforestation (tree planting), sustainable forest management, wood products, and urban forests; and

WHEREAS, in addition to producing revenue for land managers, carbon sequestration also offers benefits to our environment such as soil quality improvements through increased soil organic matter, water quality improvements through establishment or maintenance of ground cover, increase water quantity, energy conservation, air quality improvements, and wildlife habitat improvements through the establishment or maintenance of plan coverage; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that Tribal Forestry should establish a Forestry Carbon Emission Offset Program, which would be beneficial to the overall economic development of the Tribe.

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

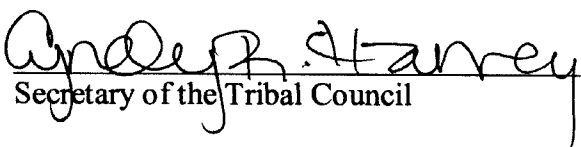
1. The Tribal Forest Manager is hereby directed to develop a Forestry Carbon Emission Offset Program by establishing a WMAT carbon collection portfolio with an established broker.
2. Approval of any agreements necessary for the Program are hereby approved, subject to review by the Tribe's Legal Department, and the Budget and Finance Committee.
3. The Tribal Forest Manager shall submit a written report to the Tribal Council and the Legal Department on the development of this portfolio.
4. The funds generated by the sales of carbon credits for Afforestation and Sustainable Forest Management are hereby directed to be utilized by the Tribal Forestry to manage the forests. The Tribe's Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer are hereby authorized to develop a segregated account for such purposes.
5. The Tribal Forest Manager shall provide any useful information on carbon credits for Wood Products and Urban Forestry to appropriate tribal entities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the draft agreement shall be brought to the Tribal Council for review and consideration at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

The foregoing resolution was on April 10, 2008, 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), (f), (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