

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has been informed by Apache Medicine Man, Mr. Bert H. Hinton, Sr., that he had been disciplined and demoted in his position of employment by his employer because his responsibilities as a practicing medicine man take him away from his regular work duty, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bert H. Hinton, Sr., further informed the Tribal Council that his employers do not understand his position as a Medicine Man and that he has been disciplined on his job for practicing his religious and traditional beliefs as a recognized Medicine Man and fears such retribution in the future for fulfilling his responsibilities to tribal members as a Medicine Man, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is committed to the protection and perpetuation of traditional Apache religious beliefs and customs and to freedom of religion on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that the traditional Apache Medicine Man and his religious and spiritual responsibilities are of paramount importance to the White Mountain Apache people and provide important guidance and comfort to the tribal people.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it reaffirms its support of freedom of religion and the practice of traditional Apache religious ceremonies and further reaffirms its support for traditional Apache Medicine men and women and hereby recognizes the great importance of their position and their responsibility to the people of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby prohibits any discrimination or disciplinary action by tribal employers on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation against recognized Apache Medicine men and women for practicing their religion and traditional beliefs or for fulfilling their traditional responsibilities to the people of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

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The foregoing resolution was on March 04, 1981 duly adopted by a vote of 7 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (i) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 1958 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1958, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).


Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council

Resolution No. 81-52