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Resolution No. 86-327

**FORT APACHE INDIAN
AGENCY
WHITERIVER, ARIZ.**

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

WHEREAS, the Showlow City Council has appeared before the Tribal Council and requested tribal support of a project to acquire a Ranger DPS Helicopter to serve the White Mountain area which would be based at Navopache Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the Helicopter would provide valuable search and rescue services to White Mountain Communities; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is advised that approximately \$250,000 must be raised from private donations to build a hanger and pad facility in order to obtain funding from the state legislature for the DPS Ranger Helicopter; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is further advised that a non-profit corporation will be created to receive public donations to fund construction of the Helicopter support facilities and that approximately twenty persons from the various White Mountain Communities will be asked to serve on the fund raising Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council supports said project and recognizes that the Ranger DPS Helicopter services will greatly assist the saving of lives both on and off the reservation in respect to ski accidents, lost campers, forest fires, boating accidents and other accidents which require immediate medical evacuation; and


WHEREAS, the Tribal Council recommends that Mr. Phillip Stago, Jr., Director of the Tribal Game and Fish Department, Chief Andrew Kane of the Whiteriver Police Department and Bureau of Indian Affairs Law Enforcement Officer, Rueben Kessay, be appointed to the Ranger Helicopter Steering Committee and that their activities on the Steering Committee be coordinated through the Office of the Tribal Chairman.

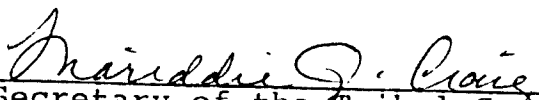
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby endorses the proposal for the deployment of a DPS Ranger Helicopter at Navopache Hospital.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it supports the creation of a non-profit corporation to raise public monies for the construction of helicopter support facilities and requests that Mr. Phillip Stago, Jr., Director of the Tribal Game and Fish Department, Andrew Kane, Chief of the Whiteriver Police Department, and BIA Officer Rueben Kessay be appointed to the fund raising Steering Committee for the construction of Helicopter support facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby directs that the Tribal representatives on the Steering Committee act through the Office of the Tribal Chairman and that they confer with the Tribal Chairman prior to undertaking their duties on the Steering Committee.

The foregoing resolution was on November 6, 1986, duly adopted by a vote of NINE for and ZERO 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 Bylaws 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