

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Enrollment Committee has discussed and recommended to the Tribal Council the need to enroll eligible children prior to their adoption; and

WHEREAS, currently, Social Services and other federal, state, tribal and private agencies involved in adoptions are not contacting the Office of Vital Records prior to completing the adoption process; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concludes, based upon the recommendation of the Tribal Enrollment Committee and for the protection of Apache infants' right to tribal membership, that the Tribal adoption provision should be amended to provide that any and all federal, state, tribal and private adoptive agencies shall contact the Tribal Office of Vital Statistics and provide that office information regarding any and every pre-adoptive Apache child in that agency's custody that may be eligible for enrollment in the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Tribal Attorney's Office to draft an amendment to the adoption procedures, providing that all information as to children eligible for membership in the White Mountain Apache Tribe must be provided to the White Mountain Apache Tribal Office of Vital Statistics prior to adoption proceedings being initiated or completed.

The foregoing resolution was on July 23, 1987, duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN 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

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