

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

- WHEREAS,** Tribal member, Melva Tessay has come before the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe seeking assistance to obtain housing for herself and her young son; and
- WHEREAS,** Ms. Tessay does not currently have any housing and is temporarily living with various relatives who do not have room for her and her son to remain with them on a permanent basis; and
- WHEREAS,** Ms. Tessay has made application for rental housing and for a HIP home, but such applications have not been approved as yet; and further, the White Mountain Apache Housing Board has informed Ms. Tessay that she has an outstanding balance due from her last rental home for damage to the house; and
- WHEREAS,** Ms. Tessay informs the Tribal Council that she is willing to pay the outstanding balance if she can just be placed in a rental home; she informs the Tribal Council that the damage done to the home was the result of several break-ins which she reported to the Tribal Police Department and to the White Mountain Apache Housing Authority at the time they occurred;
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe sees Ms. Tessay's situation as an emergency and suggests that the White Mountain Apache Housing Board look into the matter of the outstanding charges to determine if they were the result of break-ins and not willful neglect or damage by Ms. Tessay, and further recommends that Ms. Tessay's matter be heard before the next Housing Board meeting.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the White Mountain Apache Housing Board to consider Ms. Tessay's application for emergency housing, and that she be assigned a rental unit.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that the White Mountain Apache Housing Board should investigate the outstanding charges on Ms. Tessay's account to determine if the damage was caused by break-ins and not by willful or neglectful action on the part of Ms. Tessay, by obtaining copies of the police reports, and investigating the Housing Board rental files.

The foregoing resolution was on August 05, 1992, duly adopted by a vote of eight 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).

  
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Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
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Secretary of the Tribal Council

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