

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

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe adopted its current tribal constitution in 1958 pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Action (IRA); and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council appointed a Constitution Committee in July 1992 to study ways to improve and strengthen the tribal constitution in regards to IRA goals of Tribal self-government and self-determination; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution Committee developed a list of proposed amendments which inter alia would modify the blood quantum requirement for membership in the Tribe and enhance tribal sovereignty and self-determination in conformity with applicable federal decision and statutory law and regulations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 03-93-056 dated March 16, 1993, the White Mountain Apache Tribe submitted a set of proposed constitutional amendments to the BIA Area Office for comment and review in anticipation of a Secretarial Election; and

WHEREAS, federal law (Indian Reorganization Act Amendments of 1988) requires the Bureau of Indian Affairs to call and hold a Secretarial Election within ninety (90) days after receipt of the Tribe's request, or by June 17, 1993; and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 1993, the BIA responded to the Tribe's request by offering comments and recommendations on the proposed amendments to the tribal constitution; and

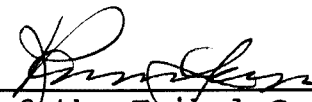
WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs as of the date of this resolution is in violation of applicable federal law for failing to call and hold a Secretarial Election within the mandated time period.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation that it hereby authorizes Chairman Ronnie Lupe to respond to the Bureau of Indian Affairs' comments and recommendations of May 27, 1993, as distributed to the Tribal Council.

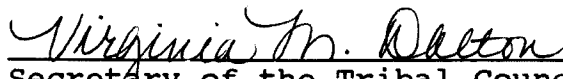
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby reaffirms Resolution No. 03-93-056 dated March 16, 1993 which officially requested that the BIA conduct a Secretarial Election within ninety (90) days therefrom on the proposed amendments to the constitution.

Resolution No. 06-93-162

The foregoing resolution was on June 23, 1993, duly adopted by a vote of seven for and one against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (a) (i) (s) (u) 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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