

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

WHEREAS, the lack of a cultural education facility has contributed to a loss of identity with the Apache heritage by some of our youth; and

WHEREAS, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) requires that culturally affiliated remains and objects of cultural affinity be returned to the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the shell of a cultural educational facility has sat uncompleted at Fort Apache due to lack of funds; and

WHEREAS, the existence of a completed facility is deemed a high priority; and

WHEREAS, HUD's Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) program has announced competition for grants that require tribal match, adoption of a Maintenance and Operation Plan (M and O), and commitment of funds to implement the M and O plan.

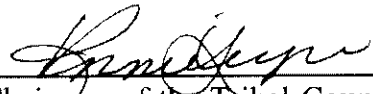
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that the M and O plan for the Apache Cultural Education Facility be adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council directs that the land and current building shell, appraised at \$390,000 be committed as match for the grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council commits the sum of \$133,000 from the Tribal Central Fund to the ongoing operation and maintenance of the facility and its programs; these funds are currently available in the budget for the entity named the Apache Cultural Center.

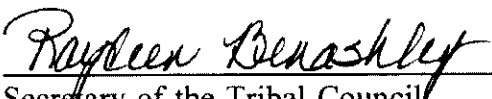
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council directs that additional funds be committed to the operation of programs within the completed facility include the Lila Wallace-Readers Digest Folklife Fund award of \$7,500 and the tribal match of \$15,000 associated with this grant; these funds are currently available.

The foregoing resolution was on July 14, 1994 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 the White Mountain Apache Tribe Constitution, including Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (i), (j), (s), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



Chairman of the Tribal Council

Acting



Secretary of the Tribal Council

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION PLAN
APACHE CULTURAL EDUCATION FACILITY

The Apache Cultural Education facility will house a number of programs upon completion. First, the Apache Cultural Center will occupy the majority of the space. The items that are currently displayed at Crook's Cabin, in storage, and especially, the items returned to the Tribe under the terms of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act will be catalogued and exhibited. The Center will operate to provide exhibits and tours to expose Apache Culture to Tribal members, especially school children, and the public. Staff will continue to transcribe the oral history tapes and make them available to Tribal members. The staff will develop exhibits, interpretative programs, displays of Apache cultural items and practices. For example, Crown Dance exhibitions either live or on tape will be an important function with the appropriate interpretive framework. The thrust of this effort is to explain the Apache cultural heritage and to instill and reinforce pride in being Apache. This unit will operate the museum portion of the facility.

Second, the Apache Arts and Crafts Cooperative will occupy a portion of the completed facility. This educational effort will focus on the construction of traditional Apache articles, such as the tus (water basket), bow and arrows, cradleboards, and burden baskets. Traditional ceremonies concerning the collection, treatment and care of the materials as well as their employment in constructing the items will be documented and taught.

The third unit that will occupy a portion of the space is the Library. The library space will house non-circulating books,, articles, and other items that relate to Apache culture, history, and the history of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. The library will function as a research facility for housing this information.

Routine cleaning and facility maintenance (changing light bulbs, for example) will be by the janitorial staff of the Apache Cultural Center. Extensive maintenance items, changing air filters or repairing non-operative toilet facilities will be the responsibility of Tribal Maintenance. Routine service of major components, heating systems, e.g., will be first by the contractor during the warranty and extended warranty period and then by Tribal maintenance.