

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

- WHEREAS**, preservation and enhancement of the use of the Apache language has been deemed to be a high priority by the Tribal Council as the language is the key to cultural identity; and
- WHEREAS**, the lessening of the use of the language and the resulting lack of cultural identity is manifest in high rates of suicide among young tribal members, gang activity on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS**, teaching the Apache language in the schools is a step in the right direction but the impact of classroom instruction is diminished by the time available and the impacts of other influences, especially the combination of visual and audio impacts of television; and
- WHEREAS**, a tribal operated TV station broadcasting in Apache along the lines of KNNB, the tribal radio station, will have significantly greater impacts as the language can be taught to pre-school children as well as reinforce the school and home instruction; and
- WHEREAS**, the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) has a new grant program designed to preserve and enhance the use of Native American languages; and
- WHEREAS**, the development and operation of a TV station is among the recommended items to be funded; and
- WHEREAS**, the expertise to develop and operate a TV station is available within the Tribe and the Whiteriver school system.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that a grant application be prepared and submitted to ANA for the maximum amount of \$125,000 to be matched with \$31,250 in tribal funds to develop and initially operate the Apache television station for the White Mountain Apache Tribe.


Resolution No. 02-95-028

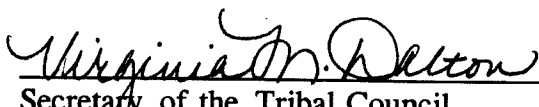
The foregoing resolution was on February 01, 1995, duly adopted by a vote of nine for and zero against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (h), and (i) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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