

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

**WHEREAS**, Tribal Chairman Ronnie Lupe advises the Tribal Council that tribal member Cooper Tessler filed a complaint with the Tribal Chairman's office regarding the conduct of Tribal Fire & Rescue Chief Paul Kuehl during a recent stove fire at a tribal member's home; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Tessler reports that he and Wilson DeClay put out a stove fire in their neighbor's home before the Fire Department had arrived and that while Mr. Tessler was inspecting the stove, Chief Kuehl entered the home and when he saw Mr. Tessler inspecting the stove where the fire had taken place, he allegedly yelled at Mr. Tessler, grabbed him and threw him, causing him physical injury; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Tessler further reported that Chief Kuehl called the police and tried to have Mr. Tessler placed in jail; and

**WHEREAS**, after discussion, the Tribal Council concludes that the alleged physical assault by the Fire Chief upon a tribal member should be thoroughly investigated; and

**WHEREAS**, it is also suggested from the Council floor that Chief Kuehl be suspended pending the investigation of the incident; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council concludes instead that the Tribal Chairman should be delegated authority to investigate the incident and to take action in respect to Chief Kuehl's employment as the Chairman deems appropriate.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby delegates to the Tribal Chairman authority to investigate the alleged physical assault by Chief Kuehl upon tribal member Cooper Tessler and to take whatever action regarding Kuehl's employment with the Tribe as the Chairman deems appropriate.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that the acts and deeds of the members of the Tribal Council necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this resolution be, and the same are hereby ratified, confirmed and adopted as the acts and deeds of the Tribe.

Resolution No. 02-95-073


The foregoing resolution was on February 21, 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), (i), (s), (t) and (u) 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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