

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

- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is undertaking a comprehensive program to improve solid waste management on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, including closing open dump sites and adopting a solid waste management ordinance to establish tribal policy and law with regard to controlling dumping and littering; and
- WHEREAS,** the presence of abandoned and junk vehicles scattered around tribal lands is contrary to the goals of the Tribe's solid waste management program and tourism development; and
- WHEREAS,** abandoned and junk vehicles are unsightly and threaten person and environmental health; and
- WHEREAS,** Section 12.6 of the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Health and Safety Code defines an abandoned vehicle as "an vehicle left without supervision on a tribal roadway for a period greater than 48 hours"; and
- WHEREAS,** Section 12.9 of the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Health and Safety Code authorizes the Tribe to remove all abandoned vehicles located within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** a representative from Navajo County government has expressed his desire to include an abandoned and junk vehicle cleanup as a pre-requisite to apply for county funding to rehabilitate homes on or off the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** several local business persons have expressed an interest in collecting abandoned and junk vehicles on the Reservation, processing them at a temporary site, and removing them from the Reservation at minimal cost to the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Arizona Department of Motor Vehicles has offered to inspect the vehicles, process the vehicle identification numbers to check for stolen vehicles, issue crush permits and purge the crushed vehicles from DMV records free of charge; and
- WHEREAS,** a portable automobile crusher is available the last 2 weeks of August, 1995 only until this time next year

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby agrees to allow non-members to enter the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and to collect, process and remove abandoned and junk vehicles, prior to full implementation of the Solid Waste Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that a suitable site for processing abandoned and junk vehicles is behind the fire station in Whiteriver, and that the Tribe hereby dedicates an area of a minimum one-acre in size at this location for a minimum of one month from start to completion of the junk car removal operation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby authorizes \$25.00 per vehicle for towing costs.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and in his absence, the Vice Chairman, to enter into any agreements necessary to implement and meet the objectives of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the Tribal Safety Officer coordinate implementation of the junk car removal operation, and shall submit a full written report on the implementation of the junk car removal operation to the Tribal Council at their next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

The foregoing resolution was on August 10 1995, duly adopted by a vote of seven 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), (f), (g), (h), (i), (k), (m), (n), (q), (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).



Chairman of the Tribal Council



Secretary of the Tribal Council

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