

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

**WHEREAS,** the Lazio Act, the Indian Housing Act of 1996, places the Tribal Council in the posture of designating a Tribal Designated Housing Entity (TDHE); and

**WHEREAS,** the recent series of articles in the Seattle Times depicting abuses of housing dollars from HUD on Indian Reservations by Indian Housing Authorities has received considerable publicity and promises of Congressional hearings; and

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council wishes to have full knowledge of the options available to it under Lazio and, while there is no suspicion of any existing misdeeds by the White Mountain Apache Housing Authority, wants full assurance that such is the case; and

**WHEREAS,** the inclusion of the present Housing Authority as a tribal department, one option under Lazio, may have impacts on the Tribe's overall financial picture; and

**WHEREAS,** an audit by the Tribe's external auditor is the best mechanism available for answering questions of any potential abuse of HUD funds, potential impacts on the Tribe's overall finances, and provides information needed for the Council to make the best decisions concerning options open under Lazio; and


**WHEREAS,** such an audit is estimated by the external auditors to cost not more than \$10,000.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribe's external auditors be directed to conduct a full financial and performance audit of the White Mountain Apache Housing Authority.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that funds required to pay for this audit be appropriated from the administration funds contained in HUD ICDBG grants, administered by the Planning Department.

**Resolution No. 01-97-007**

The foregoing resolution was on January 08, 1997, duly adopted by a vote of ten 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 Tribal Constitution, including Article IV, Sections 1 (a), (i), (s), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe on 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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Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
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Secretary of the Tribal Council