

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

WHEREAS, a Professional Education Certification Program for the White Mountain Apache Tribal community members has been organized to provide educational opportunities for individuals who are committed to pursue certification for professional education positions in our schools on the reservation; and

WHEREAS, five teaching assistants employed by the Whiteriver Unified School District have been accepted into the Teacher Education Program at NAU to become certified teachers and counselors and have begun course work during Spring Semester, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the program participants are actively involved in professional growth activities, supervised by a volunteer mentor educator, to enrich their knowledge on specific education issues and teaching strategies that affect our children's learning styles; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Education Department supports the efforts of the teacher interns and has provided financial assistance for tuition fees and textbooks and is currently seeking funds for future course work on-campus (summer school, 1997) and at statewide program sites (school year 1997-98); and

WHEREAS, the Program plans to increase the number of its program by two participants by the 1997 fall term to include other community members who are committed to pursuing certified positions in our school system on the reservation and are eligible for institutional admission requirements in which they choose to participate.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby supports the establishment of the Professional Education Certification Program and its efforts to assist seven White Mountain tribal community members to become professional certified educators in the school systems on the reservation. Upon graduation of any of the seven participants, a replacement will be made immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby supports the placement of the Professional Education Certification Program as a program component of the White Mountain Apache Tribal Education Department, that it be monitored by the Tribal Education Director, and that the Program will receive \$20,000.00 in financial support for its participants.

Resolution No. 04-97-070

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests that all graduates of the Professional Education Certification Program obtain employment in the school systems on the reservation for a minimum of five years. The Tribe will obtain commitment from all the school systems on the reservation to employ graduates of the PEC program.

The foregoing resolution was on April 02, 1997, 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 Tribal Constitution, including Article IV, Sections 1 (a), (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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