

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

**WHEREAS,** Numerous issues relating to heritage protection and perpetuation now face the White Mountain Apache Tribe, including the enhancement of the Cultural Education Facility and Museum at Fort Apache, the repatriation of Apache and non-Apache human remains, funerary objects, and objects of cultural patrimony pursuant to the Native American Culture and history. The preservation and perpetuation of Apache language and traditional knowledge protection and management of archaeological resources on the reservation, and the implementation of the Endangered Species Act and other environmental protection statues; and

**WHEREAS,** these issues have far-reaching social and economic implications for the long-term welfare of the White Mountain Apache people; and

**WHEREAS,** a small number of Tribal members, each of them respected and honored members of the Tribe in general and their communities in particular, have accepted responsibility for the protection, and appropriate use of traditional Apache knowledge and have demonstrated particular expertise and concern with cultural issues; and

**WHEREAS,** it will serve the best interest of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to fully establish and authorize a Cultural Advisory Group to serve in an advisory capacity to the Tribal Council and Heritage Program Director on cultural issues; and

**WHEREAS,** the Heritage Program Director is uniquely situated to work on issues related to cultural historical issues, including those relating to protection, access to, and proper usage of traditional, historical, sacred, and cultural artifacts as well as those related to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Cultural Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby establishes a Tribal Cultural Advisory Group, which shall be maintained, convened, and coordinated by the Cultural Resources Director under the supervision of the Heritage Program Director.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tribal Cultural Advisory Group shall consist of a variable number of members representing the range of Apache geographical and cultural knowledge that persists on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, including at least one member from each of the Cibecue, Carrizo, Cedar Creek, Canyon Day, Whiteriver, McNary, North Fork, Seven Mile, and East Fork communities.

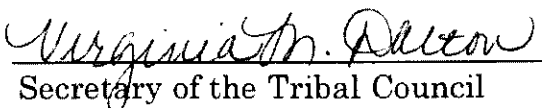
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that the members of the Tribal Cultural Advisory Group shall be appointed by the Heritage Program in consultation with the Tribal Council, and that the Tribal Chairman, or his designee, shall also serve as a member of the Group.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that the Tribal Cultural Advisory Group shall prepare proposed policies and guidelines for the establishment of a permanent Tribal Cultural Advisory Group for Tribal Council approval and adoption.

The foregoing resolution was on June 13, 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 Article IV, Section 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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Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
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Secretary of the Tribal Council