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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has a long standing policy prohibiting the publication of any sensitive items about Apache culture without the express consent of the Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS, many Tribal programs are presently involved in areas that touch upon Apache religion, tradition, customs, ethnobotany, and the Apache language; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council wishes to reaffirm and give direction to all Tribal programs, enterprises and directors that the publication of sensitive cultural items on the internet or in any media is strictly prohibited without Tribal Council consent and that all proposals for educational programs involving Apache culture, language, traditions, religion or spiritual beliefs that may be published on the internet or outside the reservation must be approved prior to any such publication or distribution; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is also concerned about the legal implications of allowing persons to copyright or otherwise gain authorship rights over any publication of culturally sensitive information.
- **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby prohibits the publication of any sensitive cultural items, Apache language, symbols, place names, religious or spiritual information or ceremonial information on the internet or in any media without the express prior consent of the Tribal Council.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that it hereby prohibits any contract for the development of educational programs on the internet or in the media involving cultural, ceremonial, language, traditional or spiritual information without prior consent of the Tribal Council.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that it hereby directs the Tribal Council Secretary to advise the Apache Scout of the contents of this resolution.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that directs the Tribal Council Secretary to distribute a copy of this resolution to each Enterprise and Program Director within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation including Indian Health Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Whiteriver School District.

Resolution No. 12-97-358

The foregoing resolution was on <u>December 3, 1997</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>ten</u> for and <u>zero</u> against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (g), (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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Secretary of the Tribal Council