

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


- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council in January 1996 entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Pinetop Fire District to reimburse the Fire District for its costs in responding to structural fires in the Hondah/McNary vicinity of the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to that Agreement there are two outstanding bills submitted by the Pinetop Fire Department which are awaiting payment; and
- WHEREAS,** the IGA between the Tribe and the Fire District is viewed as a temporary measure to assure adequate fire protection in the Hondah/McNary vicinity until such time as the Tribe develops a fully equipped fire station facility in the area; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council recognizes the need for a comprehensive plan for fire suppression throughout the reservation in order to assure that all areas are adequately served by the Tribal Fire Department; and
- WHEREAS,** to develop a better understanding of the Tribe's current and projected fire suppression needs it is recommended that an evaluation be completed as soon as possible of the current status of the Tribe's Fire Department capacity; and
- WHEREAS,** such evaluation should include a review of the Fire Department staffing, management, fire fighting readiness, compliance with prevailing fire fighting standards, financial controls, and identification of areas for suggested expansion or improvement to respond to the population growth patterns within the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** in order to assure an independent basis for the evaluation it is recommended that the Tribe look to an outside agency for assistance in completing the evaluation, such as a neighboring fire fighting jurisdiction, or the Bureau of Indian Affairs, in its trust capacity including its capacity to provide technical assistance to the Tribe.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that the outstanding bills be paid immediately pursuant to the terms of the Intergovernmental Agreement set in place between the Tribe and the Pinetop Fire District.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in order to prepare and respond to the changes in the Tribe's fire protection and suppression needs it hereby directs that an evaluation be conducted of the Tribe's Fire

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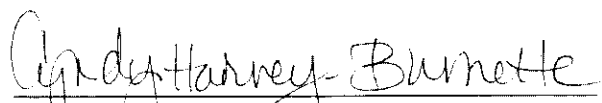
Department operation with emphasis on Department staffing, management, fire fighting readiness, compliance with prevailing fire fighting standards, financial controls, and identification of areas for improvement and expansion in order to respond to the population growth patterns within the Reservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that is requests technical assistance and any other assistance available through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and that it delegates authority to the Tribal Chairman or in his absence the Vice-Chairman to seek and contract for the services of an independent evaluator to carry out the evaluation as soon as possible.

The foregoing resolution was on May 15, 1998 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), (b), (h), (i), (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

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Secretary of the Tribal Council