

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


- WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribe (Tribe) has consistently sought to enhance and augment its established status as a sovereign nation, enjoying rights to self-government and self-determination; and
- WHEREAS**, the 1992 amendments to the National Historic Preservation Act expand and enhance tribal participation in the National Historic Preservation Program; and
- WHEREAS**, to further safeguard and increase Tribal sovereignty, and pursuant to Section 101(d) of the amended National Historic Preservation Act, the Tribe has assumed from Arizona State Parks the historic preservation planning, education, and inventory functions of the State Historic Preservation Officer pertaining to the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS**, by Resolution 12-96-299 the Tribe has authorized Dr. John R. Welch to (1) serve as the Tribe's Historic Preservation Officer, (2) discharge the functions assumed from the Arizona State Historic Preservation Officer and (3) develop and implement plans for assuming those responsibilities for the Fort Apache Indian Reservation that remain with the Arizona State Historic Preservation Officer; and
- WHEREAS**, through establishment of a Tribal Historic Preservation Office the Tribe has joined fifteen other federally recognized Indian Tribes which have assumed State Historic Preservation Officers functions and otherwise demonstrated their commitment to the protection, conservation, and perpetuation of Native American culture, language, and history; and
- WHEREAS**, the tribes that have assumed State Historic Preservation Officer functions have proposed the establishment of the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO) in order to provide tribal historic preservation officers with a centralized and unified organization to promote historic preservation on Indian Reservations and to represent tribal concerns in national policy-making forums; and
- WHEREAS**, the NATHPO seeks endorsement from prospective member tribes for the formal establishment of NATHPO as a non-profit, membership organization, pursuant to Articles of Incorporation to be filed in the District of Columbia.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby endorses and supports the goals and functions of NATHPO.

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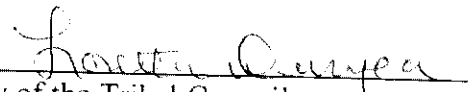
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it accepts NATHPO's offer of membership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it authorizes Dr. John R. Welch to serve as the White Mountain Apache Tribe's representative to the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO) and further authorizes Dr. Welch to pay the Tribe's annual membership dues from grant funds secured to support Historic Preservation Office operations.

The foregoing resolution was on June 18, 1998 duly adopted by a vote of six for and zero against and one abstention by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (g), (h), (j), (k), (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).


Chairman of the Tribal Council

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Secretary of the Tribal Council