


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


- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has, through numerous previous resolutions, offered consistent support for the conservation of cultural, historical, and archeological sites and objects according to Apache cultural principles of respect, avoidance, and education; and
- WHEREAS, the aforementioned resolutions have endorsed, among other initiatives, the *Master Plan for the Fort Apache Historic Park*, the establishment of a *Tribal Historic Preservation Office* to assume the functions of the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office for the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, the nomination of Fort Apache to the *World Monument Fund List of 100 Most Endangered Sites*, the preparation of a P.L. 93-638 contract for assuming the National Historic Preservation Act compliance functions of the Fort Apache Agency, and the submission of many historic preservation and cultural perpetuation grant proposals and the administration of these by the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer; and
- WHEREAS, a draft of the 638 contract referenced above has been prepared and is under review by the Legal Department and Fort Apache Agency Superintendent for execution this federal fiscal year; and
- WHEREAS, in accordance with the previous Tribal Council resolution and executive direction, the Tribal Historic Preservation Office remains committed, first, to the provision of efficient, high quality services to the Tribe, the Fort Apache Agency, and the Reservation Community in the areas of heritage site conservation, and second, to the exploitation of opportunities to support community and economic development through ongoing implementation of the *Master Plan* and the recognition and celebration of Apache history and culture.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it reauthorizes and endorses the expeditious execution of a 638 contract for the assumption by the Tribal Historic Preservation Office, of the Fort Apache Agency's National Historic Preservation Act compliance support functions and for the direct hire of Dr. John R. Welch to administer and supervise this contracted function as part of the Tribe's Historic Preservation Office.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby delegates authority to the Tribal Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, to execute any documents, including any contracts, needed to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Heritage Program of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is to comply fully with all applicable tribal and federal regulations, policies, guidelines, and requirements relating to the 638 contract application and execution process.

The foregoing resolution was on September 2, 1998 duly adopted by a vote of eight 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), (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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Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
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Secretary of the Tribal Council