

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

- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has, in executive session, received a briefing from the Tribal Police and BIA Criminal Investigator concerning two recent murders of young adult members of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe's communities are in shock following these senseless acts of violence; and
- WHEREAS,** the Council will aggressively seek measures to restore peace and security within the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Council recognizes the Tribe is severely underserved in its law enforcement functions, and that the Tribal Police Department is underfunded, underequipped, and understaffed; and
- WHEREAS,** the BIA Criminal Investigator's office, consisting of only three investigators responsible for all major crimes investigations within the Reservation, has had a long-term vacancy which reportedly will not be filled due to federal funding shortages; and
- WHEREAS,** there is a desire to obtain prompt federal investigation and prosecution of serious crimes within the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** with the sharp growth in population and visitor traffic to the Reservation, there is a greater urgency to addressing the serious law enforcement shortfalls; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council will consider expanded cooperation with neighboring jurisdictions to remedy region-wide crime and public safety concerns through intergovernmental agreements and reporting court convictions; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe currently pays for more than half the cost of operating the Tribal Police Department, to make up for the federal government's failure to fully fund the Department as established under Public Law 93-638; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council intends to hold its federal trust agent to its obligations to provide and fund law enforcement services at a level comparable to off-reservation communities; and

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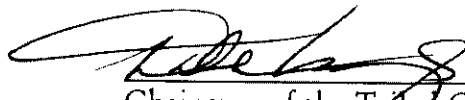
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council requests that funding be restored to immediately fill the vacant BIA Criminal Investigator position, and that additional funding be provided to fill additional criminal investigator positions within the BIA Law Enforcement office at the Fort Apache Agency.

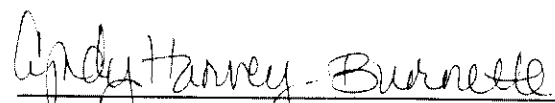
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it requests and expects greater assistance from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Law Enforcement Services to combat crime within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, and specifically that the Office of Law Enforcement Services restore funding for the vacant Criminal Investigator position and that a qualified professional be recruited for the position as soon as possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that in response to the growing law enforcement needs, additional funding be made available to funding new criminal investigator positions at the BIA Law Enforcement office at the Fort Apache Agency and to fully meet the P.L. 93-638 funding obligations for the Tribal Police Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it directs the Tribal Chairman to contact by letter Ted Quasula, Director of the Office of Law Enforcement Services, informing him of the Tribe's concerns, providing him a copy of this Resolution, and requesting his assistance.

The foregoing resolution was on October 8, 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), (c), (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


Secretary of the Tribal Council