

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

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council is entrusted to serve and represent its members; and

WHEREAS, the Apache Language is the basis of Apache identity and must be protected and preserved at all costs; and

WHEREAS, the Apache People, especially the children, are losing their ability to understand and speak their native language, at an alarming and accelerating rate; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to have one unified organization to fulfill the purpose of preserving Ndee Biyati', the Apache Language; and

WHEREAS, the Education Department of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has received a Category I Planning Grant from the Administration for Native Americans, to assist in planning a program designed to Preserve Ndee Biyati'; and

WHEREAS, families, clans and especially elders, in unity will strive to preserve the Apache language, so it will continue as a vital part of the existence of the Members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, in the new millennium; and

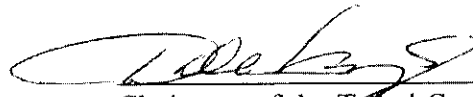
WHEREAS, the Tribal Education Department has proposed an Apache Language Immersion Camp, which will focus on the preservation of Ndee Biyati'.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, that the White Mountain Apache People respectfully dedicate spiritual and financial support to develop a unified tribal program, addressing the preservation of Ndee Biyati' through curriculum, Training, education and full-time employment in the areas of management, research, education and community liaisons.

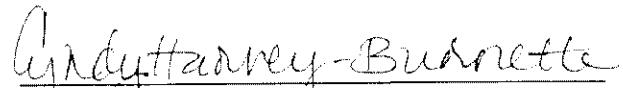
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Ndee Biyati' Preservation Program be adopted as a unified Tribal entity with formal yearly financial allocation and support.

Resolution No. 02-99-30

The foregoing resolution was on February 4, 1999 duly adopted by a vote of seven 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), (g), (j), (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


Secretary of the Tribal Council