

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council recognizes that child abuse is a widespread community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, statistics of abused and neglected children increased this year; and

WHEREAS, the effects of child abuse are felt by every member of the community and need to be addressed by the entire community; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community; and

WHEREAS, youth-serving prevention programs offer positive alternatives for young people and encourage youth to develop strong ties to their community; and

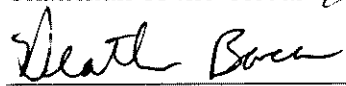
WHEREAS, all citizens should become more aware of child abuse and its prevention within the community and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council supports community involvement in the prevention of child abuse.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby proclaims April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and calls upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation to increase their participation in the efforts to prevent child abuse.

The foregoing resolution was on March 23, 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),(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


(Acting) Secretary of the Tribal Council

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