

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

WHEREAS, the June 1999 "Rainbow Fire" and the fire fighting, evacuations, road closures and other aspects of the response to this emergency, has served to heighten the awareness of the community and those with responsibility for serving and protecting the Reservation public to problems and needs which, if addressed, would provide for more effective emergency response and overall protection of the Reservation public and properties; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Emergency Response Commission (TERC), established in accordance with the federal Superfund Amendments Reauthorization Act by Tribal law through Chapter One of the Tribal Environmental Code for the purpose of providing a central coordinating group within the Tribe to prepare for and respond to hazardous materials accidents and spills and other emergencies such as fire and flooding, is chaired by the Chief of the Whiteriver Fire and Rescue Department has been holding monthly meetings for the past two (2) years; and

WHEREAS, the TERC, with the support of other participating entities such as the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service, Whiteriver Unified School District, Tribal enterprises and departments, and others, makes the following recommendations which would facilitate future emergency responses by providing for improved overall protection of the Reservation public and properties:

- 1) The street and building addressing system project initiated in 1992 should be completed and fully implemented by January 1, 2000;
- 2) Tribal departments and enterprises, federal and state agencies, other entities operating on the Reservation, and individual residents and members of the public should be required to clean up debris and other unnecessary materials, equipment and waste which has accumulated around structures and in yards by August 27, 1999 and consistently maintained thereafter;
- 3) the Tribe should aggressively move toward a complete community land use planning and zoning program which will provide for improved community development and infrastructure and, through a zoning administration program, will provide a mechanism for preventing unsightly development and the accumulation of junk vehicles, trash and debris around communities;

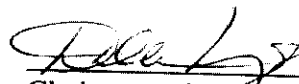
4) secondary evacuation routes for all communities and vital public facilities, such as hospitals and schools, should be planned for and constructed by January 1, 2000, and

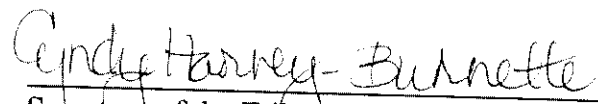
5) "Knox Boxes" containing door keys or combinations for emergency access by the Tribal Fire and Police departments should be installed on the exterior of main entrances to priority Tribal buildings by October 1, 1999.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it in the interest of the overall protection of the Reservation public and properties, it fully supports the five (5) above-stated recommendations of the Tribal Emergency Response Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it also supports the deadlines for implementing these recommendations by the dates shown and that funding support within Tribal fiscal means will be provided to carry out the recommendations of the TERC.

The foregoing resolution was on July 15, 1999 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), (k), (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