

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

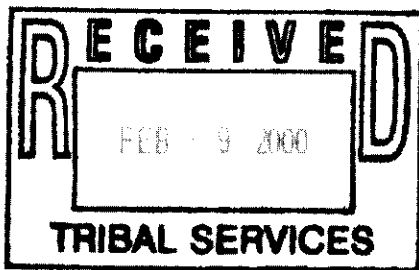
- WHEREAS,** the Indian Health Service Office of Environmental Health routinely collects severe injury data and conducts studies to identify injury trends on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (FAIR); and
- WHEREAS,** these data are used to develop intervention strategies in an effort to reduce severe injury trauma to tribal members; and
- WHEREAS,** the fire death rate for Native Americans is approximately 3 times higher than the National average; and
- WHEREAS,** it has been reported that communities located on the FAIR experience a significantly higher number of fire calls than surrounding non-reservation communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe Fire and Rescue Department has indicated a strong interest in studying the causal factors of residential fires occurring on the FAIR; and
- WHEREAS,** the Indian Health Service Office of Environmental Health proposes to initiate a study which would analyze residential house fires occurring on the FAIR from 1991 - 1999 and existing residential fire risk factors; and
- WHEREAS,** data sources used for the study will include the Whiteriver Severe Injury Surveillance System, Whiteriver Fire and Rescue Department fire incident records, White Mountain Apache Tribe Housing Authority records, Whiteriver Police Department records, and home surveys; and
- WHEREAS,** all provisions of the Privacy Act will be adhered to and no personal identifiers such as names or specific addresses will be used; and
- WHEREAS,** a final written report of the study findings will be completed and will discuss residential house fire causative factors, injuries, and possible fire prevention/injury prevention strategies to help protect the health and safety of residents of the FAIR; and

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WHEREAS, the findings of the study may be shared and published for the benefit of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, the Indian Health Service and others interested in reducing injuries in Native American communities.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the Indian Health Service Office of Environmental Health to conduct the study of residential house fires occurring within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

The foregoing resolution was on December 1, 1999, duly adopted by a vote of NINE 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 on 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