

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

**WHEREAS,** approximately 1,000 burial assemblages consisting of human remains and funerary objects have been collected from the Fort Apache Indian Reservation by various archeological projects and are currently curated at the Arizona State Museum; and

**WHEREAS,** Heritage Program representatives of the White Mountain Apache Tribe have worked closely with counterparts from the Hopi Tribe and Zuni Pueblo to prepare the December 1, 1999 draft Memorandum of Agreement, which outlines a process for the repatriation of these burial assemblages to the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and for the secure and respectful reburial of these assemblages as close as possible to the areas from which they were collected; and

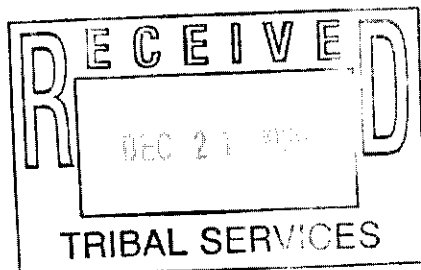
**WHEREAS,** the draft Memorandum of Agreement has received preliminary endorsement from the three Tribes' cultural representatives and stands available for review by the signatories' legal representatives.

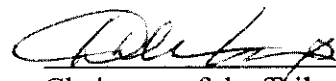
**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Attorney work in conjunction with the legal representatives of the other signatories to the Memorandum of Agreement to finalize the document for the Chairman's signature.

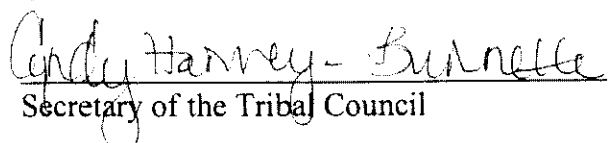
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman is hereby authorized, through signing the finalized Memorandum of Agreement, to commit the White Mountain Apache Tribe to the provisions and processes contained therein.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribe's Cultural Resources Director and Historic Preservation Officer are hereby authorized to continue to represent the White Mountain Apache Tribe in matters relating to the repatriation of archaeological collections to the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and are directed to keep the Tribal Council and Tribal Attorney informed of their progress in this regard.

The foregoing resolution was on December 2, 1999 duly adopted by a vote of SIX 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), (f), (g), (h), (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).



  
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Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
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Secretary of the Tribal Council