

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

WHEREAS, by virtue of the powers listed in the Tribal Constitution and the Tribal Council's inherent authority to monitor the activities of volunteer associations organized for the purpose of cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Apache Veterans Organization was established to serve and recognize community members who served in the United States Military; and

WHEREAS, members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe fought in all United States wars and conflicts, serving this country admirably in its pursuit for freedom and peace; and

WHEREAS, Native American veterans comprise approximately 10% of the total United States veteran population; and

WHEREAS, Apache veterans and their spouses are entitled to receive certain benefits for their service to the United States, such as health care, education, job training and employment; and

WHEREAS, most White Mountain Apache veterans do not take advantage of the federal services to which they are entitled, because of the lack of veterans' services within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (FAIR) and the considerable travel distance to the nearest Veterans Administration office; and

WHEREAS, a locally operated Fort Apache Veterans Organization (FAVO) supervised by the White Mountain Apache Tribe Department of Social Services, would ensure that all veterans within FAIR can readily obtain the benefits to which they are entitled as veterans; and

WHEREAS, the FAVO will have as its objectives the following:

- Employ White Mountain Apache members to serve as community liaisons who will improve the service of Tribal, federal, state and county agencies for local veterans
- Coordinate veterans' services and establish outreach services in the areas of housing, health care, education and training;
- Seek establishment of a health care liaison for veterans, in coordination with the Veterans Administration Medical Center and the Indian Health Service
- Establish and seek funding for Veterans memorials within the Reservation such as Fort Apache Veteran's Park

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- Provide assistance for obtaining funds to promote recognition of veterans, such as Memorial Day, Veterans Day and the Fourth of July
- Recommend legislation regarding veterans to the Tribal Council and other appropriate governmental agencies; and

WHEREAS, the FAVO requires assistance to acquire a building sufficient to house the office and to provide quality service to Apache veterans and requires financial assistance to operate such an office; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has the power to provide for the use of tribal lands within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and to appropriate tribal funds for tribal purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has received testimony from members of the Fort Apache Veterans Organization on their need for a building suitable to serve the veterans within the Reservation and has had the opportunity to evaluate the request and the community support for such an office.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs Raymus Albert of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Land Office to investigate and list all available existing buildings suitable for the FAVO and its purposes and provide a copy of this list to the Tribal Council and to the FAVO in care of Alvino Hawkins, FAVO President.

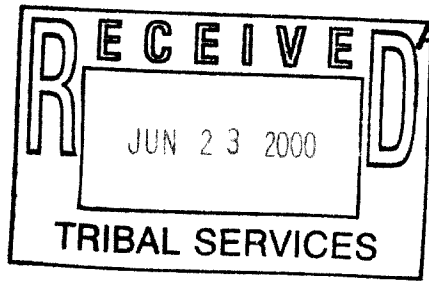
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Fort Apache Veterans Organization to report to the Tribal Council a list of sites it finds suitable for its purposes, and a formal request for the use of any building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Fort Apache Veterans Organization to submit a formal request for funding necessary to operate this service to the community and thereafter the Council shall determine the appropriate level of funding, if any, it will provide the FAVO.

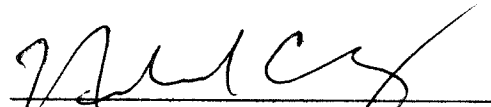
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development 1996 Indian Community Development Block Grant has been modified to build the Fort Apache Veterans Organization Center, that is to be located next to the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council Chambers. The Community Development Block Grant is to submit to HUD by Friday, April 14, 2000.

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The foregoing resolution was on April 7, 2000, 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), (h), (j), (s), (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).



ACTING


Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council