

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

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WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is empowered by the White Mountain Apache Tribe Constitution to act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe and its members and to advise and monitor subordinate organizations for all purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council received a request from Wayne Cody, General Manager of KNNB radio station, and Candy Burnette, Programming Coordinator of KNNB, to decide whether to sanction the continued broadcast of a KNNB broadcast talk-show entitled "Coffee and Conversation" which has caused some concern in the local communities during its broadcast in the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, upon opening the floor to discussion from members of the audience attending the Council meeting with regard to the effect "Coffee and Conversation" has had on their communities, the Council heard testimony from staff members of KNNB and members of the communities that they are receiving threats of physical harm and threats of harm to personal property directly as a result of the communities response to topics discussed on "Coffee and Conversation," which has even motivated members of the community to drive to the physical location of KNNB and threaten physical harm to its staff; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of safety for all residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and the staff at KNNB, the Council is very concerned about the threats of physical harm and community division and animosity which has resulted from several topics discussed on "Coffee and Conversation" to such an extent that, while it believes the free expression of ideas on KNNB are to be of the greatest importance to the freedoms of all members of the Tribe, the weight of this importance does not outweigh its charged duty to ensure the safety of all residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation by seeking to, where possible, take affirmative steps to help curb community animosity and confrontation and facilitate the safety of all residents of the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council understands from the testimony presented to it this day, that members of the community at large believe that the KNNB broadcast show of "Coffee and Conversation" and other controversial topics would be better received by the public and help curb civic discord and animosity if there was a presentation of all sides of a controversial issue with input from those in the community of different opinions and views to help generate a balanced discussion of these topics; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, in order to prevent a situation where KNNB radio staff and broadcast personalities may confuse their role as facilitators of a discussion with directly offering their views on a matter, the Council believes it essential to require a policy for the KNNB station and staff to obtain training and knowledge to properly and adequately plan, manage and broadcast shows and topics which not only meet the specialized educational and cultural needs of communities served by KNNB but which also avoid discussing specific individuals in our small and "close-knit" community in order that we can avoid, where possible, situations that create political distrust, civic discord and community conflict; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council believes it is essential for all KNNB broadcast personalities to have training as discussed above so they may use it when envisioning topics and shows they intend to broadcast on KNNB, and when actively broadcasting these topics and confronting animosity from the community through callers to the station or individuals who physically appear at the station to object to any broadcast; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council believes that political distrust, civic discord, community conflict and animosity can be engendered by any broadcast from KNNB, whether it be "Coffee and Conversation" or any other broadcast show or topic, and that for the safety of our communities and individual tribal members, KNNB should refrain from broadcasting "Coffee and Conversation" and other shows which discuss potential controversial topics about individual community members or elected representatives until its General Manager, broadcast personalities and all staff can certify to the Board that they have obtained training and education necessary to help them address the concerns we have mentioned above.

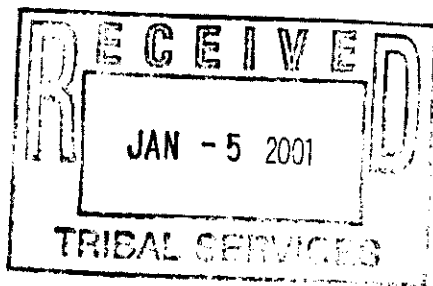
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that, in the interests of maintaining the safety of all members of the communities within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and the safety of staff at KNNB Radio, it hereby requires that the KNNB General Manager, all KNNB broadcast personalities and all KNNB staff obtain education and training essential to help them manage community conflict created by their broadcasts and to manage sensitive information, broadcast topics and broadcast discussions in such a manner as to minimize, as much as possible, political distrust, civic discord and community conflict and animosity.

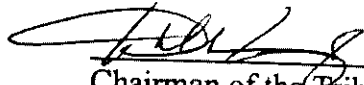
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that until the KNNB General Manager can certify to the KNNB Board that he and his staff, including all broadcast personalities, have obtained education and training adequate to effectively manage KNNB talk-shows, broadcasts, and topics which are either envisioned to, or which result in, creating community conflict, political distrust and civic discord - KNNB staff and the KNNB General Manager shall refrain from broadcasting and authorizing for broadcast topics which are envisioned to, or which directly cause such conflict,

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which shall include the KNNB broadcast titled "Coffee and Conversation."

The foregoing resolution was on December 7, 2000 duly adopted by a vote of FIVE for and FOUR against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (s), (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