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

**WHEREAS**, the Native American Graves Preservation and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) provides for a grants program to assist tribes in the identification and documentation of cultural items subject to repatriation; and

**WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribe in close collaboration with the other Arizona Apache tribes, has worked diligently since NAGPRA passage to determine which holdings are of cultural or religious significance to the White Mountain Apache people; and

**WHEREAS**, the information contained in the notices sent from the museums to the White Mountain Apache Tribe generally identify tribal affinity as Apache or infrequently as Western Apache; and

**WHEREAS**, the need exists for the Western Apache Tribes to jointly develop a process whereby items are linked to a specific Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Park Service has announced the FY01 NAGPRA Grants to Indian Tribes application process; and

**WHEREAS**, there is an immediate and pressing need to make additional progress on NAGPRA implementation and to seek financial assistance from non-tribal sources; and

**WHEREAS**, such grants will fund joint efforts by tribes to establish processes and procedures for resolving tribal association of culturally sensitive museum holdings.

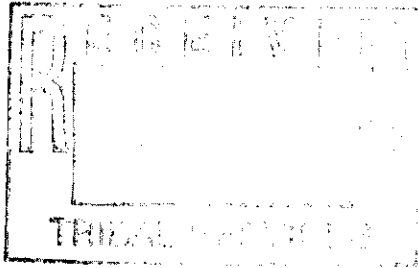
**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that a grant application be prepared by the White Mountain Apache Tribe Heritage Program and submitted to the National Park Service.

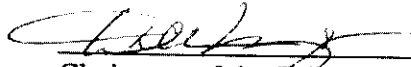
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that Dr. John R. Welch is charged with the preparation of the grant application and the overall direction of the project, in close cooperation with Ramon Riley, Jeanette Cassa, and other representatives of the San Carlos, Payson-Tonto, Yavapai-Apache, and Fort McDowell Tribes.


The foregoing resolution was on December 8, 2000 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

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it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (g), (h), (i), (j), (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