

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

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council has the power to act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe and its members; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has received the testimony of the Executive Director of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Department of Social Services ("Executive Director") on the need for the Tribe's participation in the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona's meetings and discussions on a state and national level with regard to the re-authorization of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996; and

**WHEREAS,** the PRWORA particularly affected Indian country and the White Mountain Apache Tribe, in that its caps and limits on assistance and the requirements for work participation fails to consider the high unemployment on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and the lack of industrial capital and investment to encourage economic growth and expansion of employment opportunities within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

**WHEREAS,** the PRWORA represented a large shift in federal policy for assistance to the poor, moving such assistance from cash assistance to work incentives and authorized direct funding to tribes for their Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) programs, Native Employment Works (NEW) programs, Welfare-to-Work (WtW) employment and training programs, tribal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) programs and the Child Support Enforcement program; and

**WHEREAS,** the PRWORA direct funding authorization for Indian nations is subject to re-authorization in the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress this year; and

**WHEREAS,** the Executive Director believes that through the united voice of the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona Southwest Tribal TANF Coalition, the White Mountain Apache Tribe can effectively communicate its position that PRWORA direct funding to the White Mountain Apache Tribe must be re-authorized with increased consideration given to help curb the negative impacts that PRWORA currently has on Indian nations; and

**WHEREAS,** the requested representatives for the White Mountain Apache Tribe to the Intertribal Council of Arizona work group on the PRWORA re-authorization are the Executive Director and the Chairman of the Department of Social Services Oversight Committee.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby

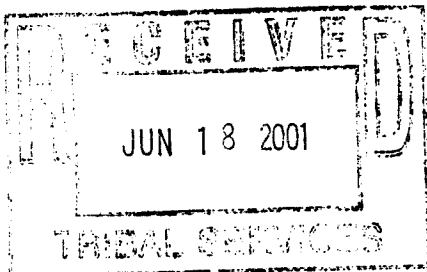
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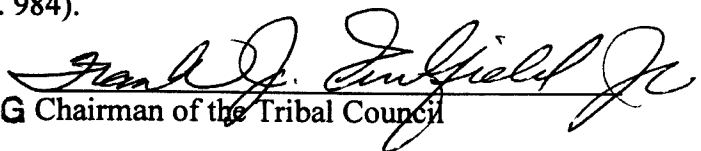
recognizes the need for the funding and services authorized in the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, but it also recognizes the negative impact which provisions of the PRWORA have had on the White Mountain Apache Tribe and wishes to express its voice through appointed representatives to help curb these negative impacts.

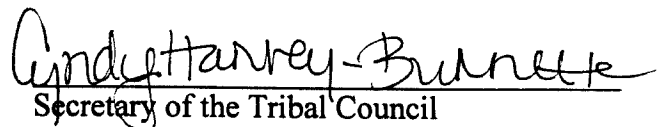
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it wishes to be represented in a work-group, known as the Southwest Tribal TANF Coalition with the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona to voice its concern, opinions and suggestions on the re-authorization of PRWORA

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby appoints the Executive Director of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Department of Social Services and the Chairman of the Department of Social Services Oversight Committee as its representatives to the Southwest Tribal TANF Coalition.

The foregoing resolution was on 05/24/2001 duly adopted by a vote of 5 for and 0 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).



  
ACTING Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
Secretary of the Tribal Council