

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

- WHEREAS**, there are approximately 278 Tribal members under the age of 18 who have disabilities and approximately 1,825 total persons with disabilities residing on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS**, the remote location of the Reservation and the long distances between Reservation communities have been factors in why many Reservation residents with disabilities are unaware of and/or isolated from community services and activities available to them; and
- WHEREAS**, with the development of the Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program, the "First and Second Annual Sports Camps for Persons with Disabilities" held in 1999 and in 2000, the Mentor Training which took place in February, 2000 at Hon-Dah and the monthly support groups for persons with disabilities on the Reservation, the awareness of the abilities of persons with disabilities has increased and there are now more employment opportunities, physical, social and educational activities available to persons with disabilities than ever before; and
- WHEREAS**, the involvement of American Indians with disabilities in every aspect of the community, will not only increase the knowledge and understanding of the issues affecting American Indians with disabilities, but also increase the awareness of their abilities as contributors to the community; and
- WHEREAS**, the "First and Second Annual Sports Camps for Persons with Disabilities," held at Chief Alchesay Activity Center were successful and should be continued as annual events, so that persons with disabilities, their friends, families and people from around the entire White Mountain Region can participate, become motivated, acquire resources, meet others with disabilities and learn more about the disability community; and
- WHEREAS**, the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside Parks and Recreation Department, Blue Ridge High Schools, the WMAT Vocational Rehabilitation Program, along with the Arizona Spinal Cord Injury Association, PRN Medical, Leeden Wheelchair Lift and Sport, Barrow Neurological Institute, the Phoenix Banner Wheelchair Suns, as well as other organizations and businesses around the State, have offered their support for the "3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sports Camp for Persons with Disabilities" which this year, will be held at Blue Ridge High School in Pinetop-Lakeside, Arizona on Saturday, July 14, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and

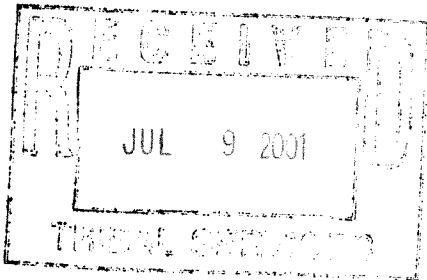
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**WHEREAS**, this one-day camp will be held in Pinetop-Lakeside this year, in order to allow for better outreach to the disability population of the Reservation as well as to that of the entire White Mountain Region and transportation to and from the camp will be available for Tribal members needing such a service; and

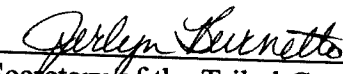
**WHEREAS**, the focus of the camp will be on outdoor sporting events for persons with disabilities, such as wheelchair hockey, football, hand cycling and track and field, on indoor events such as basketball which will be taught and demonstrated by the Phoenix Banner Suns, Arizona's professional wheelchair basketball team, and most importantly, on raising the awareness of the abilities of persons with disabilities.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves sponsorship of the "3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sports Camp for Persons with Disabilities" to be held on July 24, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Blue Ridge High School in Pinetop-Lakeside, Arizona, with the co-sponsorship from the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside and with the support from the above-mentioned businesses and organizations.

The foregoing resolution was on June 12, 2001 duly adopted by a vote of FIVE 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), (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).



  
Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
ACTING Secretary of the Tribal Council