

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

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, through previous resolution, offered consistent support and endorsement to formulate a steering committee in conjunction with the Tribal Planning Department and the White Mountain Apache Housing Authority to serve as lead organizations to coordinate the development of the required community strategic plan and the completion of the Empowerment Zone designation application due October 1, 2001; and

**WHEREAS,** the Empowerment Zone Steering Committee, in consultation with the Tribal Attorney, has drafted proposed Charter of the White Mountain Apache Empowerment Zone Commission, a commission chartered under the laws of the White Mountain Apache Tribe pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 (s) of the Constitution of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS,** the goals of the Commission, as indicated in the draft Charter and By-laws, include the following:

- (1) To improve education, health care, public safety, eldercare, youth services for the White Mountain Apache Tribe;
- (2) To develop the capacity to both imitate and sustain economic development on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation by capitalizing on the Tribe's community asset's to enhance its economic base, provide jobs and career opportunities, promote social well-being, reduce dependence on federal funding sources, and protect and preserve the unique cultural heritage and natural resource assets of the White Mountain Apache Tribe;
- (3) To seek innovative ways to provide quality, affordable housing and homeownership opportunities;
- (4) To promote the preservation of the White Mountain Apache Tribe's natural and cultural resources and environment to protect and carry forward the best elements of the N'dee be past into the future;
- (5) To promote smart community development, such as the development of community facilities, infrastructure and roads through the use of master land use planning and residential and commercial zoning; and

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**WHEREAS,** the Commission is formed and organized to be operated solely and exclusively in the best interest of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and its members; and

**WHEREAS,** the Commission is to be administered by a Board of Commissioners selected by the Tribal Council which will work in close cooperation with Tribal Communities and coordinate its effort with existing Tribal departments and programs, as well as other local and community resources; and

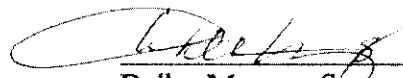
**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the Charter of the White Mountain Apache Empowerment Zone and hereby grants a charter to the Commission under Tribal Law.

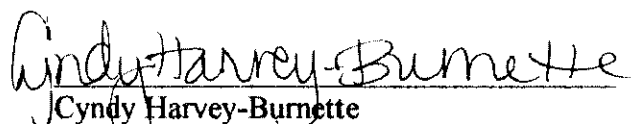
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby appoints the following individuals as members of the Board of Commissioners of the White Mountain Apache Empowerment Zone Commission:

1. Victor Velasquez, Executive Director, Housing Authority
2. Milfred Cosen, Tribal Planner, White Mountain Apache Tribe
3. Roger Leslie, Director, Hondah Resort Casino/Convention Center
4. Ruby Altaha, Executive Director, Revolving Credit Program
5. Mary Jo Stahl, Executive Director, Community Development Corp.
6. Christine Chiesl, Small Business Development Specialist
7. Laurel Padilla, Tribal member

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it delegates authority to the Tribal Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, to execute any documents needed to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on September 14, 2001, duly adopted by a vote of SIX for, ZERO against and ONE abstention by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (i), (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).

  
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Dallas Massey, Sr.  
Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
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Cyndy Harvey-Burnette  
Secretary of the Tribal Council