

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

- WHEREAS**, with the consistent support and encouragement of the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and in full accord with the 1993 *Master Plan for the Fort Apache Historic Park*, the White Mountain Apache Heritage Program has made consistent progress toward the establishment of the White Mountain Apache Tribe as an recognized leader in the fields of community-based cultural conservation, historic preservation, repatriation, and tourism-oriented economic development; and
- WHEREAS**, the Heritage Program exists, in part, to preserve, commemorate, and interpret places of exceptional significance in the history and culture of the Ndee and the homelands of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and
- WHEREAS**, the guiding principles of the Tribe's Heritage Program include provisions for balancing widely accepted non-Ndee perspectives on Ndee culture and history with information and viewpoints derived directly from knowledgeable Ndee; and
- WHEREAS**, popular and scholarly literature continues to misrepresent and misinterpret the unfortunate violence that occurred in Deschibikoh on August 30, 1881--often referred to as the Battle of Cibecue--causing harm to the White Mountain Apache Tribe and the Deschibikoh community; and
- WHEREAS**, there will never be a better time to obtain Ndee perspectives on the fight, to document and commemorate the often disputed location of the fight, to balance non-Ndee accounts of the fight with information derived from Ndee oral traditions and from on-the-ground investigations, and to seek community consensus on the story of the fight and whether and how this story should be made available to the public; and
- WHEREAS**, the US National Park Service Battlefield Protection Program maintains grants that would facilitate the White Mountain Apache Tribe's efforts to document, commemorate, and interpret the fight; and
- WHEREAS**, the fight at Deschibikoh is recognized as having exceptional significance in regional and national history and should be appropriately integrated into ongoing efforts to interpret the Fort Apache / Theodore Roosevelt School National Register District and the site of the Battle of Big Dry Wash.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes and endorses the Heritage Program initiative to secure NPS *Battlefield Protection Program* grant support for the investigation, documentation, commemoration, and interpretation of the fight that took place at Deschibikoh on August 30, 1881.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the goals of the project shall be (1) to establish a data base of Ndee information and

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perspectives on the fight, (2) to establish the boundaries of the battle site, (3) to establish community consensus concerning future efforts, if any, to use the battle site or the information associated therewith in interpretive, educational, and tourism initiatives, and (4) to prepare for consideration by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe a draft nomination for the battle site to the National Register of Historic Places.

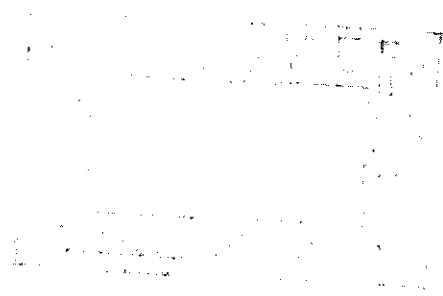
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby delegates authority to the Tribal Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, to execute any documents, including any contracts, needed to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby appoints Dr. John R. Welch, the Tribe's Historic Preservation Officer, as the Tribe's agent to assist the Chairman in conducting all negotiations and in executing and submitting all documents, including application materials, billing statements, progress reports, a National Register Nomination, etc., as required for the completion of the **Battlefield Protection Program** project for the fight at Deschibikoh.

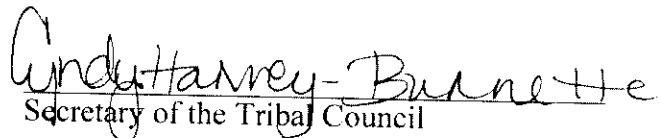
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs Dr. Welch to consult extensively and intensively with all reliable individuals possessing knowledge and perspective relating to the events centered on August 30, 1881, and to employ Ndee to the maximum extent practical in furtherance of the intent of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Heritage Program of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is to comply fully with all applicable tribal, federal, and state regulations, policies, guidelines, and requirements relating to the application and the resultant project.

The foregoing resolution was on December 19, 2001 duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN 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), (b), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (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