

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

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council, in executive session, has heard the concerns and request of the family of Rupert Thompson concerning their desire to continue the search for him throughout the local communities and the Fort Apache Reservation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council desires to assist, where possible, in the search for Mr. Rupert Thompson and believes a request to local and state emergency service providers is appropriate to ensure a maximum number of available resources are utilized in this effort.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Local Emergency Response Commission Chairman Reno Johnson, Sr. to work with the Whiteriver Police Criminal Investigator Lincoln Perry, Chief Ranger Jefferson Cheney for Game and Fish and Vincent Craig, Tribal Court Administrator, to help organize a search party for the location of Rupert Thompson.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs this core group of search coordinators to plan and schedule a search party for Rupert Thompson with notice given to all departments and enterprises of the Tribe to volunteer, along with notice to all employees of local school districts, the Fort Apache Agency for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Services Whiteriver Unit.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs Reno Johnson and the other search party coordinators mentioned herein to contact local emergency response providers in Navajo County, Apache County, Gila County, Maricopa County and the State of Arizona to request their assistance in the search effort.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that each Council member shall coordinate, with Reno Johnson, Sr., volunteers from their respective districts and community groups to assist in the search for Rupert Thompson.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Local Emergency Response Commission Chairman shall report back to the Tribal Council the result of this coordinated search effort no later than 90 days from the date of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on August 8, 2002 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT 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), (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