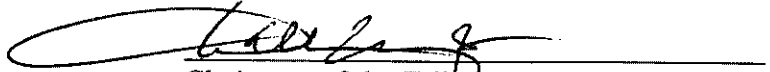


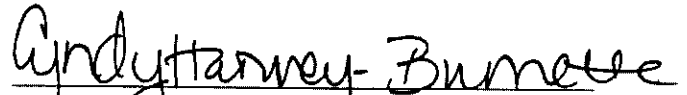
**RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

- WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council has consistently supported initiatives to protect places, objects, plants and wildlife of cultural importance; and
- WHEREAS**, by Tribal Council resolution 03-2002-54 the White Mountain Apache Tribe designated Geronimo's Cave as a Tribal landmark to be enhanced, preserved and maintained for the highest and best uses of the N'dee people and the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and
- WHEREAS**, Geronimo's Cave was once used as an ancestral Pueblo and Apache ceremonial and storage cave and is today being subjected to inappropriate use, including destructive and disrespectful vandalism and visitation; and
- WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribe Heritage Program has identified a funding source through the Arizona Partners for Fish and Wildlife, which maintains a grants program that would support installation of a heavy-duty security gate to restrict access to Geronimo's Cave; and
- WHEREAS**, the Arizona Partners for Fish and Wildlife helps the United States Fish and Wildlife Service fulfill its mission to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife and plants by providing technical and financial support to private landowners and tribal nations in Arizona; and
- WHEREAS**, Geronimo's Cave is home to several bat species the security gate would restrict access but allow the resident bat populations to egress, forage and return; and
- WHEREAS**, individuals who enter the cave place themselves at risk by coming into contact with rabies, bubonic plague and other diseases associated with bats and rodents.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it authorizes and endorses the Heritage Program initiative to install a security gate at the primary entrance to Geronimo's Cave.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** That John R. Welch, Tribal THPO, is authorized to supervise the gate installation and provision of access to and use of Geronimo's Cave.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tribe agrees to abide by all applicable Federal and State statutes, regulations and other authorities governing the Arizona Partners grant program.

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The foregoing resolution was on OCTOBER 03, 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), (b), (c), (g), (h), (i), (j), (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