

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

WHEREAS, Rovene Nosie, an enrolled member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, spoke of his concern this day regarding his belief that some contractors within the Reservation are not in compliance with the Tribe's Indian preference laws and policy; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council acknowledges that it has previously implemented law and policy requiring Indian preference for construction projects within the Fort Apache Reservation - except for those projects which are otherwise exempt under applicable law or through Council Resolution; and

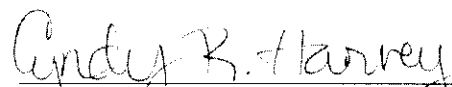
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that contractors within the Reservation who fail to obey existing law and policy concerning Indian preference are not only violating the law, they are negating the very intent behind the law which is to provide employment to Indian people, especially members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to reinforce its policy of Indian preference, with special focus on preference for members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in accordance with the White Mountain Apache Tribe Labor Code.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that all construction projects and contractors within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation shall comply with the White Mountain Apache Tribe Labor Code and all applicable policies and requirements mandating Indian preference within the Reservation, with special attention made to ensure that Members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe have primary preference as permitted under law.

The foregoing resolution was on November 14, 2002 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), (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