

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

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council is the duly elected governing body for the people of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe presently resides on the approximate 1.6 million acre Fort Apache Indian Reservation, and its members are citizens of Arizona and residents within the counties of Apache, Navajo and Gila; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has learned that the Arizona Joint Legislative Budget Committee has recently recommended the total elimination of state funding for adult basic education and family literacy provided through institutions of higher learning to Arizona citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council understands that the elimination of funding for adult basic education and family literacy will severely impact the members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and the citizens of Arizona within the White Mountain region, because it will cut funding essential for the provision of High School Equivalency Diploma (GED); and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council finds that any reduction in availability of adult basic education and family literacy services will severely reduce the capability for members of the Tribe to step into today's technical, demanding jobs and will set all of Arizona's Indian Nations back at least one generation of progress towards economic opportunity and reduced reliance on government assistance; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council finds that any reduction in educational opportunity for members of the Tribe will only increase the current employment rate of close to 60%, posing a severe negative impact to the economic engine of the White Mountain region and Northern Arizona; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council is also aware that if the Joint Legislative Budget Committee's proposal is successful, Arizona will be the only state in America without an adult basic education program and will coordinately, we believe, fail to pull itself from the dubious title as worst in the nation for dropout rates and adult illiteracy; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council believes that adult literacy and education classes also assist with the literacy and reading ability of many adults who do not have a conversational command of English language and with their success, they contribute to the overall

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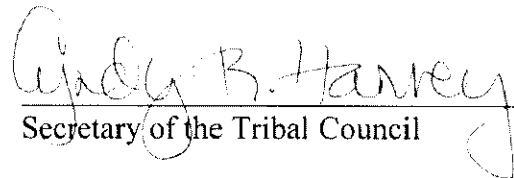
economy of Arizona by finding employment, avoiding criminal activity and contributing to the sales and tax structure which helps oil Arizona's economic engine.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it finds that the proposal of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee to cut funding for adult basic education and family literacy within Arizona will not only harm the success of members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, it will harm the economic engine of the White Mountain region and Arizona in general.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests that the Joint Legislative Budget Committee preserve and even increase funding for the adult basic education and family literacy programs to ensure that all Arizona citizens have the hope of a successful future for themselves and their children.

The foregoing resolution was on February 6, 2003 duly adopted by a vote of SIX 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).

  
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Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
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Secretary of the Tribal Council