

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

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council received testimony from tribal member Joni Cooka this day concerning the White Mountain Apache Tribe Housing Authority's (hereinafter Housing Authority) eviction of her from her personal residence in Whiteriver; and

**WHEREAS,** the Council, in an effort to understand the basis for Ms. Cooka's complaint, and in an effort to provide Housing Authority the opportunity to respond to the complaint, requested written verification of the basis for Housing Authority's eviction of Ms. Cooka from Ms. Dorothy Parker of Housing Authority and Ms. Parker advised she would provide a chronology of events leading up to Ms. Cooka's eviction; and

**WHEREAS,** at approximately 4:15 p.m. members of the Council received a letter from Gladys Bencomo, Executive Director of Housing Authority without any attached chronology or explanation for Ms. Cooka's eviction.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that, in recognition of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Housing Authority's lack of production of any substantive evidentiary basis for Ms. Joni Cooka's eviction from her home, it hereby directs Gladys Bencomo, Executive Director of Housing Authority, to immediately permit Joni Cooka to reassume her occupancy of her home through Housing Authority until such time as the Tribal Council can evaluate any credible basis for her eviction.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it intends that Joni Cooka shall reassume possession of her home under the terms and conditions of her occupancy agreement which was in place immediately prior to her eviction.

The foregoing resolution was on July 22, 2003 duly adopted by a vote of SIX for and        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

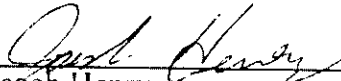
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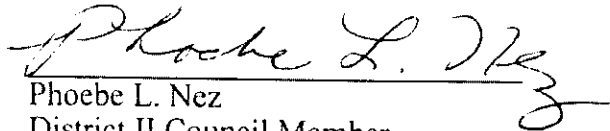
Signatures of the members of the Tribal Council represent their approval of Tribal Resolution No. 07-2003-192.

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Dallas Massey, Sr.  
Tribal Chairman

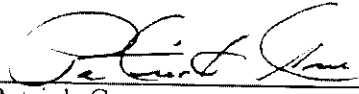
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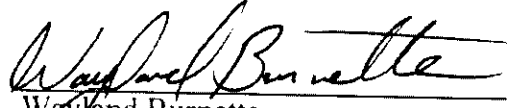
  
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ATTEST:

Dated this 22nd day of July, 2003.

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Cyndy R. Harvey  
Tribal Council Secretary



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE HOUSING AUTHORITY

July 22, 2003

Dallas Massey, Tribal Chairman  
White Mountain Apache Tribe  
Whiteriver, AZ 85941

RE: Johnny Newhall & Joni Cooka

Dear Chairman Massey:

In response to your July 11, 2003 memorandum on behalf of the two name individuals, to clarify our actions may be quite lengthy, however, I am enclosing a copy of their chronology which basically will speak for itself.

Per our policy and procedures, Housing Authority does not terminate tenants without just cause. If the violations are severe and/or illegal activities occur, termination is a must. The subdivision areas have protection for the tenants.

In 2002 Housing Authority offered Mr. Newhall a two bedroom unit at Life Saver than another unit at Ben Gay, which he declined both times. Mr. Newhall's counselor at Behavioral Health is aware of all the numerous of times we have attempted to work with him. Mr. Newhall is an adult, we can no longer "baby sit" him.

Ms. Cooka has continued to ignore our written and verbal warnings, basically leaving Housing Authority no option but to proceed with termination. She was well aware of her termination which was thirty days prior.

Our staff do and will make every effort to work with problem tenants, however, not all are willing to work with us as well. Due to the extreme demand for housing we cannot continue to allow problem tenants in our rental projects if they chose to continuously violate their lease agreements.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gladys Bencomo".

Gladys Bencomo  
Executive Director

Enclosures:

Xc: Members of Tribal Council  
Board of Commissioners  
Fayrene Williams, Counselor  
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