

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

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has assumed a leadership role in the preservation and adaptive reuse of nationally and internationally significant historic and cultural sites located within White Mountain Apache Tribe Trust Lands, also known as the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, this leadership has been and is being exercised through the development and ongoing implementation of the *Master Plan for the Fort Apache Historic Park*, the *Fort Apache Survey and Assessment Report*, the *Preservation Plan for Kinishba Ruins National Historic Landmark*, the Tribal Tourism Planning Project, and the Apache Tribal Guides Program; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has established and currently maintains numerous historic preservation and cultural perpetuation projects since the 1968 founding of the Apache Cultural Center and Museum at Fort Apache; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has chartered the Fort Apache Heritage Foundation, a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to the creation of Tribal-private-public partnerships focused on tourism-related economic development; and

WHEREAS, the progress towards the repair and reuse of historic structures and districts has provided and will continue to provide numerous direct and indirect benefits for the White Mountain Apache Tribe, the State of Arizona, and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, despite a decade of concerted collaboration with many partners, most notably the World Monuments Fund, the National Park Service (NPS), the National Endowment for the Humanities, Arizona State Parks, Arizona Commission on the Arts, the White House Millennium Council, and the Fort Apache Heritage Foundation, the White Mountain Apache Tribe requires additional technical and financial assistance, as well as market incentives to maintain the commitment to the preservation of outstandingly significant historic and cultural sites; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the US Congress and the American people the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the NPS administers the *Preserve America* program to facilitate preservation and heritage tourism associated with places of exceptional national significance; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe Historic Preservation Office has prepared a

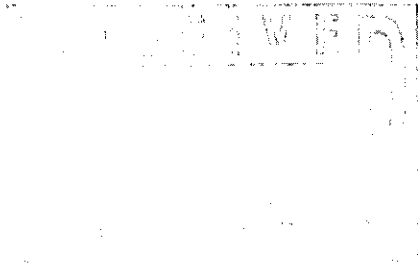
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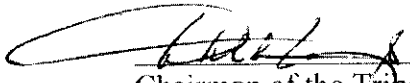
2003/2004 *Preserve America* Communities Application in order to assure the Tribe's participation in and eligibility for *Preserve America* programs and partnerships.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Tribal Council and the Tribe's Historic Preservation Officer to submit the 2003/2004 *Preserve America* Communities Application and pursue related opportunities at the interface of historic preservation, cultural perpetuation, public education, and economic development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby identifies the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer as the point of contact for communications associated with the *Preserve America* program and related opportunities, including the *Preserve America Presidential Award*.

The foregoing resolution was on December 17, 2003 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), (b), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (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


ACTING Secretary of the Tribal Council