

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

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Heritage Program, established in 1997, to include Nohwike' Bogowa, the White Mountain Apache Cultural Center and Museum as well as the Historic Preservation Office; and exists to protect and perpetuate the culture and history of the Ndee (White Mountain Apache People) and the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Cultural Center houses exhibits, museum-quality storage facilities, dedicated archival and object storage, office space, a gift shop, a work room, a class room and conference room; and

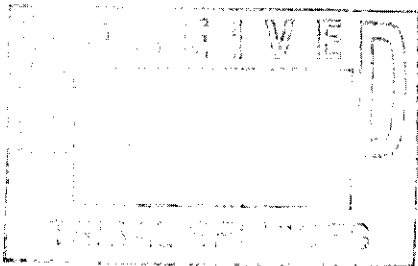
**WHEREAS,** in 2001 the Historic Preservation Office hired a museum professional, Mr. David Bingell, to draft a Collection Policy through a Collections Committee consisting of Mark Altaha, Doreen Ethelbah-Gatewood, Karl Hoerig, Beverly Malone, Ramon Riley, Ann Skidmore, and John Welch with legal assistance provided by George Hesse and Petra Sabori; and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed Collection Policy would regulate and formalize spiritual, communal, and legal responsibilities to the Object and Archival Collections held in trust for the Ndee by the White Mountain Apache Tribe Heritage Program; and

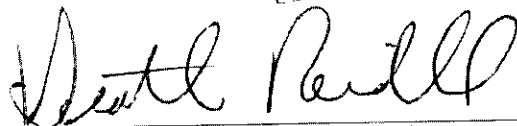
**WHEREAS,** this policy also provides guidance for the appropriate treatment for all other cultural, historic and archeological objects and archival materials that fit within the scope of this Policy, whether or not held in the custody of the Heritage Program.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that pursuant to the authority vested in the White Mountain Apache Tribe by virtue of its inherent sovereignty, and pursuant to Article 1, Section 2 of its Constitution, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council adopts and endorses the Collections Policy as the policy of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

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), (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