

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 10-2002-256 the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe authorized the Tribal Historic Preservation Office to seek financial and technical assistance to address the inappropriate use, including destructive and disrespectful vandalism and visitation at Geronimo's Cave; and

WHEREAS, the THPO, with grant assistance from, the Arizona Partners for Fish and Wildlife program of USFWS, as well as volunteers from the Central and Southern Arizona Grottos of the National Speleological Society, has completed the professional installation of a state-of-the-art security gate at the primary entrance to Geronimo's Cave and has eliminated human access throughout the cave; and

WHEREAS, the Cultural Advisory Board (CAB) of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and all other parties involved in the project agree that the cave should be managed, in perpetuity, for the perpetuation of the Ndee heritage through the safeguarding of sacred objects and the protection of habitat for cave dwelling plants and animals.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Heritage Program, in collaboration with the Police Department and the Division of Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation, to maintain the security of Geronimo's Cave in accord with direction provided by the Cultural Advisory Board and in compliance with grant requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Cultural Resources Director shall have primary responsibility for granting access to Geronimo's Cave and shall grant access only (1) in case of threats to human health, (2) in support of gate maintenance or other work authorized by the CAB, and (3) for the introduction to the Cave of sacred objects.

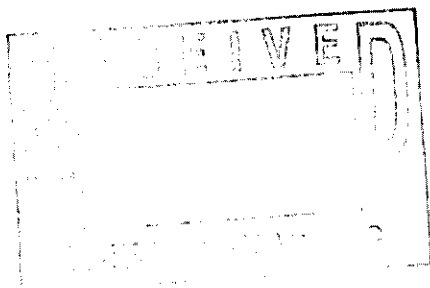
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribe's Historic Preservation Officer shall also keep, in a locked file cabinet, the only other key to the cave gate and shall provide for the use of such key only (1) in case of threat to human health, (2) in support of an investigation into civil or criminal wrongdoing, or (3) upon the request of the Cultural Resource Director.

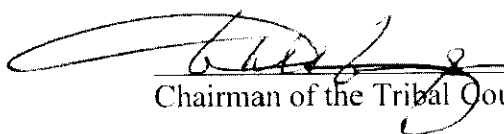
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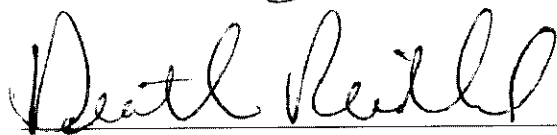
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that all future access to or uses of Geronimo's Cave shall reflect the respect appropriate to a facility for the perpetual safeguarding of cultural items and cave habitat, and for that reason the conditions and restrictions in this resolution shall remain in effect beyond the term of the grant agreement in perpetuity.

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


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