

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

**WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribe has adopted and hereby reaffirms by this resolution that all Tribal programs' staff hire individuals with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Education Department applied for and was awarded a Vocational Rehabilitation Program Grant in 1999 to assist the Tribe in employing Tribal members with disabilities; and

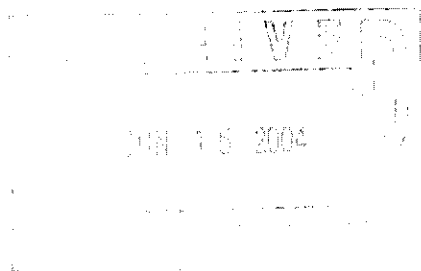
**WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Vocational Rehabilitation Program Staff has worked to establish a sound foundation and cooperative working arrangement with the State of Arizona Rehabilitation Services Administration, and various Tribal programs; and

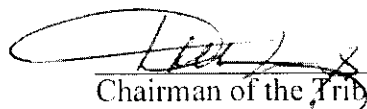
**WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Vocational Rehabilitation Program Staff has served over 235 Tribal members with disabilities and has successful outcomes with over 50 of these individuals who obtained employment within the Tribe in positions such as police dispatchers, chefs, customer service representatives and personal small businesses; and

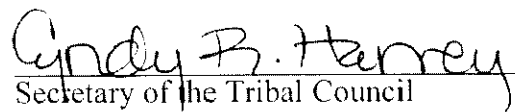
**WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Vocational Rehabilitation Program Staff wishes to be able to continue serving Tribal members with disabilities in this capacity by applying again, for the 2004 U.S. Department of Education's Vocational Rehabilitation Service Projects for American Indians with Disabilities Grant, which will provide \$2 million for another five years.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the filing of a grant application for a Tribal vocational rehabilitation project and if funded by such grant, the continuation of the White Mountain Apache Vocational Rehabilitation Program.

The foregoing resolution was on JUNE 3, 2004 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT 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), (i), (j), (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

  
Secretary of the Tribal Council

## White Mountain Apache Vocational Rehabilitation Program Abstract

Located in rural east-central Arizona the Fort Apache Indian Reservation is home to the White Mountain Apache Tribe (WMAT). The 2000 U.S. Census indicates a population of 12,429 on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. A Presidential Executive Order established the 1.6 million acres in eastern central Arizona in 1871. It is 75 miles long, 45 miles wide in portions of Navajo, Apache, and Gila counties.

Goal The White Mountain Apache Tribe will provide culturally appropriate vocational rehabilitation services to tribal members and other American Indians with disabilities residing on or near the Fort Apache Indian Reservation consistent with their individual strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities and inform choice that they may prepare for and engage in gainful employment.

Objective One: Each year of the WMATVR Program will ensue a 40% employment outcome of the total caseload.

- Year 1: 45 consumers served with 29-employment outcomes
- Year 2: 50 consumers served with 32-employment outcomes,
- Year 3: 55 consumers served with 36-employment outcomes,
- Year 4: 60 consumers served with 39-employment outcomes
- Year 5: 65 consumers served with 42-employment outcomes

Objective Two: To serve American Indians with disabilities that live in the outline communities of the reservation with VR Services.

Objective 2.1: WMATVR will place a counselor in the Cibecue area, which will be responsible for the communities of Cibecue, Carrizo, and Forestdale.

Objective Three: WMATVR will develop a transition program comparable with the DES/RSA that will work with the schools districts that serve American Indians students with disabilities.