

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

- WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 12-96-299, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe established the Tribe's Historic Preservation Office (THPO) to contribute to the protection and perpetuation of White Mountain Apache culture through the administration of (1) the inventory of historic properties on White Mountain Apache Tribal Lands, (2) consultations with Federal agencies concerning the effects their undertakings may have on historic properties located on White Mountain Apache Tribal lands, (3) historic property education programs, and (4) nominations of noteworthy historic properties to the National Register of Historic Places; and
- WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 10-2001-271, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe further authorized THPO to finalize and promulgate, in collaboration with the Tribal Attorney, the *Interim THPO Policy* governing procedures and policies for the protection of the Tribe's Cultural Heritage Resources and for the establishment of a schedule of fees to be charged by THPO to all agencies, departments, and entities that request THPO services; and
- WHEREAS**, the *Interim THPO Policy* was signed by the Chairman of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Council on February 27, 2002 and continues to provide a reasonable and useful fee schedule, while other aspects of the *Policy* have become outdated; and
- WHEREAS**, the THPO in collaboration with diverse partners has completed the initial version of the *Cultural Heritage Resource Best Management Practices* to provide further guidance for all projects and programs that pose threats to the vitality and integrity of resources significant in White Mountain Apache history and culture; and
- WHEREAS**, the *Cultural Heritage Resource Best Management Practices* are intended to serve as a supportive supplement to the Tribal Project and Plan Review process, and as a dynamic policy, responsive to the changing needs of Apache communities; and
- WHEREAS**, the *Cultural Heritage Resource Best Management Practices* were adopted as interim policy on April 15, 2004 and have been circulated in an effort to obtain comments and criticism.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes and endorses the THPO to finalize and promulgate, in consultation with the Tribal Attorney and Environmental Planner, the *Cultural Heritage Resource Best Management Practices*.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the *Cultural Heritage Resource Best Management Practices* shall remain in effect until the adoption by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of a "blanket" ordinance providing for the protection of the Tribe's Cultural Heritage Resources.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the *Cultural Heritage Resource Best Management Practices* may be updated and promulgated from time to time by the THPO, after consultation from the Tribal Attorney and Environmental Planner, in order to assure the policy remains current and responsive to the ongoing and ever-changing threats to the Tribe's Cultural Heritage Resources.

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), (b), (g), (h), (i), (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

  
Secretary of the Tribal Council