

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

WHEREAS, Bergen Tyrone Cowan of Lakeside has been indicted by a federal grand jury on fifteen counts of illegal trafficking in sensitive Tribal cultural items, and one count of theft of Tribal property; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cowan is scheduled to stand trial in federal court for his actions; and

WHEREAS, the prosecution of Mr. Cowan stems from a sting operation conducted within the reservation in which Mr. Cowan has reported to have attempted to sell sacred White Mountain Apache Gaan Headaddresses and prayer wands which he had obtained illegally; and

WHEREAS, these items are of great spiritual cultural importance to the Tribe and should never be mishandled nor subject to sale or appropriation; and

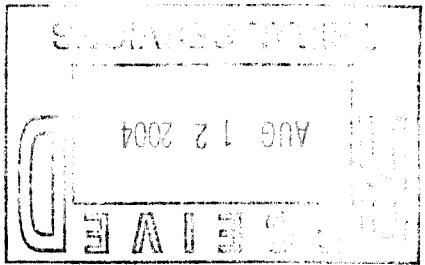
WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe supports the efforts to prosecute crimes such as these and to impose strong sentences to deter future individuals from illegal theft and trading in sacred cultural items; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council also finds that Mr. Cowan's reported actions are grounds to enact an exclusion order against Mr. Cowan to prohibit his entry onto the lands of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, based upon the severity of the actions, this exclusion would be enforced for Bergen Tyrone Cowan's lifetime.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes an exclusion of non-Tribal member Bergen Tyrone Cowan for the length of his natural life and directs the Tribal Legal Department to take the steps necessary including, if needed, a petition for an exclusion order from the White Mountain Apache Tribal Court that will enforce the terms of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on JULY 14, 2004 duly adopted by a vote of NINE for, ZERO against, and ONE abstention 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).



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Chairman of the Tribal Council

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Secretary of the Tribal Council