

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

(638 Contract for Historic Preservation)

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has, through two previous resolutions (01-96-016 and 09-98-210) affirmed support for and interests in the expeditious completion of an agreement, pursuant to P.L. 93-638, to bring the functions and duties discharged by the Archaeologist assigned to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Fort Apache Agency (FAA) under the supervision of Tribal officials; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council recognizes that 93-638 agreements require due deliberation, consultation, and negotiation, and that these steps have now been completed; and

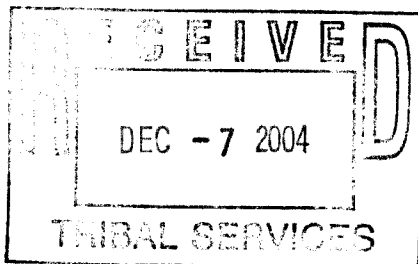
WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe Historic Preservation Office staff have, during a combined total of more than 20 years of experience in the identification, documentation, and protection of cultural heritage resources (including archaeological resources and historic properties) amassed the expertise required to administer virtually all of the functions heretofore discharged by the FAA Archaeologist; and

WHEREAS, the best interests of the White Mountain Apache Tribe require that the functions and duties of the Fort Apache Agency Archaeologist be under the supervision of the White Mountain Apache Tribe instead of the BIA.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs the Tribal Attorney to and Historic Preservation Office to collaborate in the final preparation and submission of the 638 contract proposal to the BIA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the delegations of authority for matters relating to archaeological protection and historic preservation from the BIA Western Region Office to the FAA should remain in effect.

The foregoing resolution was on NOVEMBER 5, 2004 duly adopted by a vote of FIVE 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), (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