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

**(Appointing Mark Altaha to Succeed John R. Welch
as the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer)**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 12-96-299 the White Mountain Apache Tribe has, since 1996, successfully operated a Tribal Historic Preservation Office in full accord with Ndee cultural principles as well as Federal authorities relating to the protection and conservation of historic properties and other places and objects having significance in the culture and history of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 12-96-299 appointed John R. Welch to serve as the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) until such time as a tribal member obtained the qualifications to occupy the position; and

WHEREAS, Mark Altaha has, since 1988, faithfully served the White Mountain Apache Tribe in various capacities relating to the protection and conservation of cultural heritage resources and has, since 1999, pursued a distinguished career with the Tribe's Historic Preservation Office, serving most recently as the Inventory and Compliance Program Manager; and

WHEREAS, Mark Altaha's training and experience in archaeology, historic preservation, resource and project management, and the investigation and prosecution of heritage resource crimes now exceeds the minimum requirements to serve as THPO; and

WHEREAS, Diverse consultations with Ndee elders and Tribal officials have resulted in resounding endorsement for the promotion of Mark Altaha to serve as THPO.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that, pursuant to Section 101(d) of the National Historic Preservation Act, the established policies and practices of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and related authorities, Mark Altaha is hereby appointed as the White Mountain Apache Tribe Historic Preservation Officer effective January 2, 2005, a position to be filled until a successor THPO is appointed.

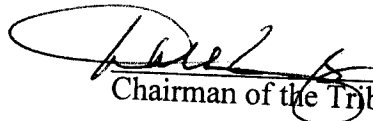
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that, in pursuit of the established goals and policies of the Tribe and the Heritage Program, Mr. Altaha shall, in consultation with the Cultural Resources Director and Cultural Advisory Board, plan, implement, and oversee programs and projects for the protection, preservation, and culturally appropriate use of all sites and objects significant in the culture and history of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, subject to the direction and supervision of the Tribal Council and its Chairman.

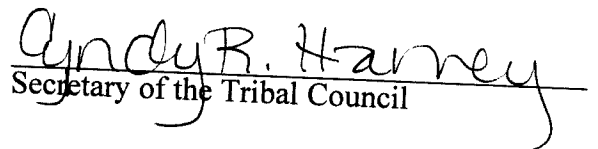
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that Mr. Altaha shall collaborate with and provide independent oversight of the plans and operations of the Fort Apache Heritage Foundation by receiving, reviewing, and providing comments on all Foundation proposals and reports relating to the alteration of historic properties or other heritage resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the volunteer service of Dr. John R. Welch as THPO since 1996 is gratefully acknowledged and that Dr. Welch is hereby appointed, again on a voluntary basis, as Advisor to the Heritage Program.

The foregoing resolution was on DECEMBER 1, 2004 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), (b), (g), (h), (i), (j), (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