

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

(Supporting the National Historic Landmark nomination for the Fort Apache and Theodore Roosevelt School National Register Historic District)

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has, through numerous resolutions and administrative initiatives endorsed since the 1993 adoption of the *Master Plan for the Fort Apache Historic Park*, assumed the leadership role in restoring and revitalizing the Historic District that encompasses the former Fort Apache and the current Theodore Roosevelt School; and

WHEREAS, the substantial and still-escalating local and national significance of the Fort Apache and Theodore Roosevelt School Historic District (District) has been recognized by the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places through formal listing of the District in 1976, by the World Monuments Fund through designation of the District on the 1998 World Monuments Watch 100 Most Endangered sites, by the White House Millennium Council through its 1999 designation of Fort Apache and Theodore Roosevelt School as an Official Save America's Treasures project, by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation through its 2004 designation of the White Mountain Apache Tribe as a Preserve America Community, and by the US Supreme Court through its March 2003 decision upholding the affirmative fiduciary duty of the US Government toward protect, preserve, and maintain the District; and

WHEREAS, previous national surveys of historic properties having broad and transcendent significance in US history considered only the integrity and importance of the military era structures within the District, neglecting the Theodore Roosevelt School facilities as heir to the Army's lands and improvements and as a further manifestation of the US Indian policies; and

WHEREAS, previous White Mountain Apache Tribe efforts and collaborations with the National Park Service, the National Endowment for the Humanities, Arizona State Parks, World Monuments Fund, Fort Apache Heritage Foundation, Advisory Council for Historic Preservation, and Fort Apache Agency-Bureau of Indian Affairs have eliminated virtually all non-essential intrusions into the Historic District and have restored or rehabilitated 11 of the District's historic structures; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Historic Preservation Office has determined that the Fort Apache and Theodore Roosevelt School National Register Historic District may qualify as a National Historic Landmark possessing national significance as a reflection and instrument of the Indian policy of the United States of America since 1870, and has prepared a nomination to obtain this most prestigious and widely recognized national designation for the District; and

WHEREAS, National Historic Landmark designation would afford the Fort Apache and Theodore Roosevelt School National Register Historic District maximum advantage toward the repair, restoration, and adaptive reuse of all historic facilities, in accord with the 1993 *Master Plan* and other plans and Tribal Council resolutions; and

WHEREAS, National Historic Landmark designation would not establish limitations or constraints on the management or maintenance of the Theodore Roosevelt School in excess of those in place through the 1976 listing of the District on the National Register Historic of Historic Places; and



WHEREAS, National Historic Landmark designation for the Fort Apache and Theodore Roosevelt School National Register Historic District would provide direct and indirect benefits to the White Mountain Apache Tribe, the Theodore Roosevelt School, and the Fort Apache Reservation community through the creation of new opportunities for education, interpretation, historic preservation, the perpetuation of Apache language and culture, and the development of jobs and revenues through tourism-related economic development.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby endorses and supports the National Historic Landmark nomination for the Fort Apache and Theodore Roosevelt School National Register Historic District, as prepared and submitted by the Tribe's Historic Preservation Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it respectfully requests the formal endorsement of the completed National Historic Landmark nomination for Fort Apache and Theodore Roosevelt School National Register Historic District from US Senator John McCain, US Senator Jon Kyl, US Congressman Rick Renzi, Governor Janet Napolitano, and other federal and state officials, as appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests the cooperation and support of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Theodore Roosevelt School Board for the National Historic Landmark nomination of the District and for the operation, maintenance and repair of the School and the District in full accord with the Secretary of Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Historic Preservation, in cooperation with the Tribal Historic Preservation Office and the Fort Apache Heritage Foundation.

The foregoing resolution was on JANUARY 12, 2005 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), (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).


ACTING 
Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council