

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

**(Approving and supporting the concepts and purposes of “Bridging Institutions of Higher Education and American Indian Nations in Arizona”)**

**WHEREAS,** Native Americans have the lowest enrollment rates in higher education of all minority groups; and

**WHEREAS,** Native Americans in Arizona represent 3.6% of the higher education population while they are more than 5% of the state enrollment; and

**WHEREAS,** Tribal communities are expanding their role in the competitive arena of a market driven economy; and

**WHEREAS,** Tribal needs are expanding in matters concerning the welfare of its members, well-being of its youth and security of its most valued members-its elderly; and

**WHEREAS,** Native American students will, in the future, develop infrastructures that promote healthy communities and be leaders in the retention, preservation and advancement of White Mountain Apache Tribal Language and Culture; and

**WHEREAS,** in the past there has been a lack of sustained and firmly constructed collaboration between tribes in Arizona and state institutions of higher education; and

**WHEREAS,** the Arizona Tri-University for Indian Education has caused to come about strategies and a call to action to improve higher education for Indian People in Arizona.

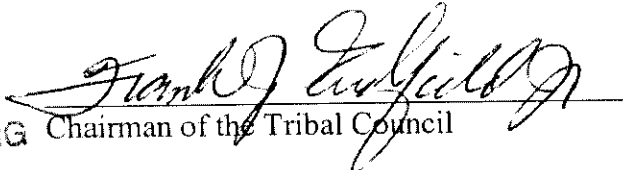
**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council, Indian Education Committee and the Department of Education endorse and support the concepts and purposes of “Bridging Institutions of Higher Education and Native American Nations in Arizona”.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Chairman or person he designates to actively seek methods to institutionalize systemic approaches with all institutions of higher education to afford tribal members equal and meaningful opportunities in higher education; and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the White Mountain Apache Tribe agrees with Arizona Tri-University for Indian Education in the inclusion of their tribal perspectives and participation in the academic planning and delivery processes that seeks to enhance educational, social and cultural enlightenment.

The foregoing resolution was on July 13, 2005, duly adopted by a vote of SIX 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), (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