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

(Request for Chief Judge Fall to Meet the Council Regarding a Warrant for Ruby Altaha)

- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe through its elected Tribal Council established the Tribal Court and the White Mountain Apache Judicial Code to provide a fair and independent forum to adjudicate all cases and matters arising within the jurisdiction of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS, the integrity of the judicial system rests upon the ability of the Tribal Court judge to resolve all matters before the Court with impartiality, adherence to the law, and in a manner which promotes respect for justice and the law; and
- WHEREAS, the Judicial Code affirms the high degree of trust and integrity required of any individual serving as a Tribal Court Judge; and
- WHEREAS, the Judicial Code establishes strict standards for the conduct of all Tribal Court judges to maintain the Tribe's fundamental guarantee of due process to the people and the administration of justice; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council in executive session has reviewed and discussed allegations concerning a warrant for Ruby Altaha requested by the Prosecution Unit issued on or about November 18, 2005; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council understands that the warrant was quashed without a written order of the court and without explanation; and
- WHEREAS, Chief Judge Durango Fall supervises the conduct of Tribal Court Judges.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that Chief Judge Armstrong submit a written report to Council Member Declay and the Prosecution Unit regarding the basis for the Court's quashing of the Warrant for Ms. Altaha within five working days.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>DECEMBER 7, 2005</u>, duly adopted by a vote of <u>EIGHT</u> for and <u>ZERO</u> against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (q), (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