

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

(Authorizing the Tribe to Join the Arizona Tribal Justice and Rehabilitation Coalition)

- WHEREAS,** a number of tribes from the State of Arizona, in cooperation with the Native American and Alaskan Technical Assistance Project (NAATAP), have come together to form the Arizona Tribal Justice and Rehabilitation Coalition (Coalition) to address issues of common concern relating to the adult and juvenile correctional systems and facilities of member tribes, including but not limited facility development, staffing, programming and funding; and
- WHEREAS,** the Coalition seeks to be a nationally recognized, cohesive, professional and well-respected network of tribal correctional professionals and organizations successfully advocating for holistic correctional services in Indian Country; and
- WHEREAS,** correctional and detention facility staffs are a critical resource in the justice system of each member tribe that should be respected, treated as competent professionals with entitlement to a safe, clean working environment that incorporates proper training, fair compensation and professional supervision and management; and
- WHEREAS,** the Coalition believes that given the right opportunity, every individual can change in a positive way through effective treatment and a range of services, and that prevention and diversion services provide an opportunity for change, resulting in long-term cost savings and are consistent with public safety; and
- WHEREAS,** the Coalition believes in the need to educate and inform tribal officials and the general public about the importance of prevention and diversion services; and
- WHEREAS,** in preserving Native American culture and individual spiritual values in correctional facilities, the Coalition shares the belief that all human beings are inherently good and are entitled to programs and services that concentrate on restoring them as productive members of their communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the Coalition believes in the importance of collaborating, networking and sharing information, services, expertise and the like to build capacity and strengthen services in tribal justice systems; and
- WHEREAS,** the mission of the Coalition is to benefit all member tribes by advocating and promoting healthy tribal communities through resource development, education and coordination of detention and related services, and other activities of which will be undertaken collaboratively by all member tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** to achieve this mission, the Coalition will focus on the following:

Involving and representing all 22 Arizona tribes;

Communicating with Federal, state and tribal governments to ensure that tribal interests are properly protected and promoted;

Communicating with local governments;

Providing technical assistance to member tribes to promote best practices;

Becoming formally recognized by the NCAI (National Congress of American Indians), ACA (American Correctional Association) AJA (American Jail Association), and NJDA (National Juvenile Detention Association); and

Working cooperatively with other tribal coalitions; and

**WHEREAS,** the Coalition believes that it is the right of tribes to have a) an increased, continuous, and reliable source of funding adequate to meet the needs of all correctional operations; b) a comprehensive continuum of programs and services to include prevention and diversion programs; and c) proper buildings and infrastructure, particularly in rural communities; and

**WHEREAS,** through a concerted effort involving all member tribes and the federal government, the Coalition can develop a rational and fair system for seeking and distributing criminal justice funding; and

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Police Department and Detention Facility management believe that joining the Coalition will best serve their program and the inmates; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council finds that joining the Coalition is in the best interests of the Tribe and its law enforcement and detention programs.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council that the White Mountain Apache Tribe hereby supports the Arizona Tribal Justice and Rehabilitation Coalition and the Native American and Alaskan Technical Assistance Project.

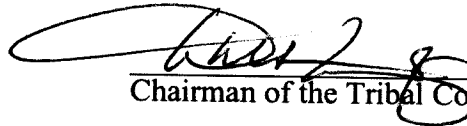
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, within budgetary constraints, the White Mountain Apache Tribe the Tribe's Police Department shall be a full cooperating member of the Coalition and NAATAP by participating in providing and receiving technical assistance and professional training through the Coalition and NAATAP, and with the Coalition, NAATAP and their collective member tribes, providing a more powerful united front and voice in facilitating positive changes in community safety throughout Indian Country.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chairman, or in his absence the Vice Chairman, are hereby authorized to take all reasonable and necessary actions to ensure that the intent of this resolution in support of the Coalition and NAATAP are fulfilled.

The foregoing Resolution was on JANUARY 5, 2006 by a vote of EIGHT for and ZERO against by the tribal council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vastest in it by Article

**Resolution No. 01-2006-15**

IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (c), (h), (i), (j), (l), (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