



Resolution No. 02-2006-42

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

**(Authorizing Agreement between Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona and the Tribe for a
Tribal Seat Belt Initiative)**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, American Indian motor vehicle crash (MVC) fatality rate in Arizona, per 100,000 population, was 59.0 percent in 2003, compared to the state of 18.0 percent and was significantly higher than any other ethnic group in the state; and

WHEREAS, vehicle seat belts have been proven to be an effective and cost effective tool to reduce the frequency and severity of contact within the interior of vehicles, and to prevent MVC ejections; and

WHEREAS, during 2002, only one quarter of drivers and front seat passengers nationally were observed using seat belts; and

WHEREAS, the WMAT and ITCA, Inc. collaborated to identify the perceptions of young WMAT men regarding seat belt usage; and

WHEREAS, ITCA, Inc. has received funding from the Federal Highway Administration to assist the WMAT to utilize the information provided from the young WMAT men to develop a seat belt campaign; and


WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that an agreement with ITCA for the purposes of a tribal seat belt initiative is in the best interest of the Tribe and its members.

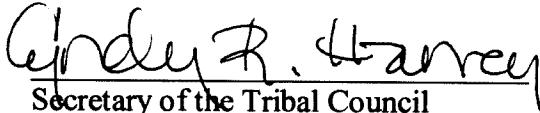
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council that:

1. An agreement with ITCA for the purposes of a tribal seat belt initiative is hereby approved.
2. The Chairman, or in his absence the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all agreements necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

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The foregoing resolution was on February 8, 2006, duly adopted by a vote of FIVE for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (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