



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

(Requesting Assistance from the Governor of the State of Arizona on a Coordinated Task Force to Apprehend a Serial Rapist on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation)

- WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article IV, 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**, a serial rapist has been ruthlessly attacking defenseless members of the Tribe, apparently for the past eighteen months, leaving thirteen or more victims with devastation and shattered lives; and
- WHEREAS**, a number of victims are minor children, male and female; and
- WHEREAS**, there are over 4,000 children attending schools on the lands of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS**, rape in Indian Country is a crime under the Major Crimes Act (18 U.S.C. § 1153), for which the United States has jurisdiction and responsibility for enforcement; and
- WHEREAS**, the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Law Enforcement Services, has taken charge of the investigation and has dedicated up to seven BIA officers from around the country; and
- WHEREAS**, at any given time, the White Mountain Apache Police Department can only dedicate ten officers to routine patrol due to limited staffing and funds; and
- WHEREAS**, given the threat posed by the perpetrator, the Tribal Council finds that the amount of officers patrolling the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and the number of investigators are insufficient; and
- WHEREAS**, community awareness of the perpetrator is somewhat compromised by inadequate coverage by KNNB radio, as its signal does not reach the communities of Carrizo, Cedar Creek or Forestdale; and
- WHEREAS**, similarly, cell phone coverage does not exist along State Routes 77 and 73; and
- WHEREAS**, other communities similarly threatened have received coordinated assistance and funding from surrounding law enforcement jurisdictions and the State of Arizona; and
- WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council finds that, limited resources of the Tribe and the BIA, a request for assistance from the Governor of the State of Arizona to be in the best interests of law enforcement and the Tribe.

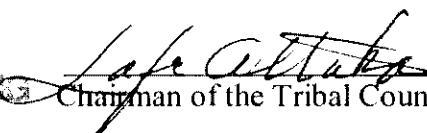
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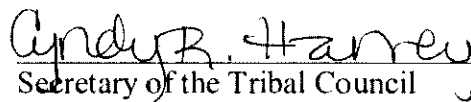
NOW BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Governor of the State of Arizona is hereby requested to provide the following:

1. Such law enforcement assistance as may be available to assist WMAPD in providing heightened patrol services coverage to the lands of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.
2. Emergency increased funding for security at the Whiteriver Unified School District.
3. Such communications assistance to expand radio broadcasting services, emergency radio coverage and cell phone coverage, as may be available.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence the Vice-Chairwoman, is hereby authorized to communicate this request to the Governor and execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution, including a cross-deputization agreement.

The foregoing resolution was on October 11, 2006, duly adopted by a vote of TEN 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).


ACTING Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council