



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

(Supporting Establishment of Native American Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.)

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, since the War of Independence, countless Native Americans have fought and died for the United States of America as members of its Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, despite the contributions and ultimate sacrifice of Native Americans, memorials to members of the Armed Forces, such as the Vietnam Memorial, have not included depictions of Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, such memorials are important for each successive generation of Native Americans so that they may see and understand that their elders fought proudly for the United States and its values of democracy, liberty, equality, freedom and justice; and

WHEREAS, for sixteen years, Floyd Dawson, a member of the Navajo Nation, has sought to have a statue erected in Washington, D.C. honoring Native American veterans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dawson successfully lobbied for P.L. 103-384, "Native American Veterans Memorial Establishment Act of 1994," which allows a memorial to be set up in Washington, D.C., but no funding was provided; and

WHEREAS, Karl Kendall, a sculptor from Prescott, Arizona, has sculpted a bronze scale model of a proposed memorial, entitled, "Native Warrior," which is of a Native American man dressed in fatigues and adorned with an arrowhead strung with his dog tags and a feather tied to his M-16 rifle to show his ties to his Native culture; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dawson has not raised enough funds to have two, eight-foot sculptures erected in both Window Rock, Arizona, and Washington, D.C., therefore, he needs support from Tribes for the use of Mr. Kendall's sculpture to fulfill the terms of the Native American Veterans Memorial Establishment Act; and

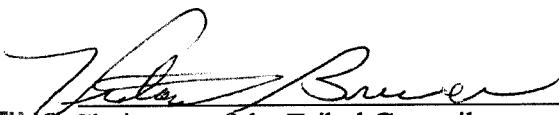
WHEREAS, after careful review and consideration, the Tribal Council finds the sculpture entitled "Native Warrior," by Arthur Kendall, to be an outstanding memorial suitable for placement in Washington, D.C., sufficient to fulfill the terms of the Native American Veterans Memorial Establishment Act, and is worthy of support.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the sculpture entitled "Native Warrior," by Arthur Kendall, is hereby approved as an outstanding memorial to all Native American veterans which is suitable for prominent placement in Washington, D.C.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the National Congress of American Indians is hereby requested to support the placement of the sculpture entitled "Native Warrior" in an area in Washington, D.C., where the sculpture shall stand in a central location, on an important, well known federal property, and prominently for all to see and understand the sacrifices made by Native Americans on behalf of the United States of America.

The foregoing resolution was on December 14, 2006, duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN 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), (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