



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

**(Approving Proposal of Big Brothers Big Sisters to
Provide Services in Whiteriver, Arizona)**

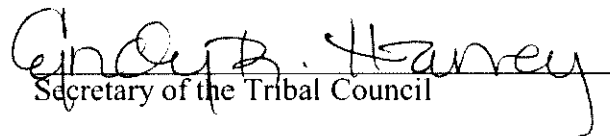
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, *inter alia*, the Tribal Council has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe's Education Department provides a strong foundation for the successful development of the White Mountain Apache Tribe's economic, social, spiritual and cultural identity; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe's Education Department has identified the educational needs of the Tribe, including consideration of the growing population of Apache youth, and addressing the increased rates of violence, drug and alcohol abuse; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe's Education Department has an interest in partnership with surrounding organizations that foster and improve the education and livelihood of Apache people, in addition to supporting the educational process of improving attendance rates, academic progress, social skills and confidence skills; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe's Education Department has identified Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeastern Arizona (BBBSNA) as a significant component to progress in the area of mentorship within the public schools located on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** BBBSNA did this day present a proposal to provide services to the community of Whiteriver; and
- WHEREAS,** currently BBBSNA provides mentoring services to non-reservation communities throughout Navajo and Apache Counties in Arizona; and
- WHEREAS,** BBBSNA's proposal, as attached and incorporated by this reference, seeks to coordinate services with the Tribe's Education Department and the Whiteriver Unified School District to establish a High School Bigs Program; and
- WHEREAS,** with the Tribe's support BBBSNA will explore funding resources for the Bigs Program; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council concurs with the Tribe's Education Department and finds that the BBBSNA proposal is in the best interest of furthering mentoring efforts at the public schools on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the proposal of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeastern Arizona, as attached and incorporated by this reference, is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeastern Arizona is hereby authorized to seek funding of the High School Big program as described herein.

The foregoing resolution was on March 13, 2007 adopted by a vote of NINE for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Sections 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).


Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council