



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

**(Request Permission to Distribute Dog Food and Other Human
Efforts of Animal Control)**

- WHEREAS,** on January 21, 2001, James and Kathy Sullivan were provided permission to distribute surplus dog food to dog owners on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Sullivans personally arranged for donations of all food dispensed to the entire Tribe and paid all delivery costs; and
- WHEREAS,** animal owners who could not afford to pay have asked the Sullivans, at their expense (\$4,000 annually), to pay for much needed veterinarian services and, when necessary, humane euthanasia to prevent the suffering of animals; and
- WHEREAS,** the Sullivans volunteer and donate funds to the annual vaccination, spay and neuter clinic held at Canyon Day which is available to all Tribal members; and
- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe is in need of a humane method of animal control (such as spaying and neutering) as the reservation has become over populated with domesticated animals; and
- WHEREAS,** the Sullivans provide a much needed service to the entire reservation, including the community of McNary, as the tribe does not employ an Animal Control Officer and the Domestic Animal Ordinance does not reflect the needs of the communities; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal members in the McNary and Whiteriver communities support the free and humane efforts of the Sullivans and would like them to continue without harassment; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council finds that the issue related to animal control should be resolved by and through an advisory committee.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that:

1. James and Kathy Sullivan are hereby granted permission to continue their efforts, as described herein, with oversight from Tribal member June C. Patten.
2. The Animal Control Committee is hereby formed to review the Domestic Animal Ordinance to better reflect community needs and make suggestions for the inclusion

of humane means of animal control, including spaying and neutering. The committee shall work with the U.S. Indian Health Service Office of Environmental Health, White Mountain Apache Housing Authority, as well as the Tribe's Health Board, Division of Health and Legal Department.

- 3. The committee shall consist of Cornelia Hoffman, Consoni Hill, June Patten, Blessing Goklish, and Frank Larzelere, Jr.
- 4. The committee shall report back to the Tribal Council within six (6) months.

The foregoing resolution was on **APRIL 25, 2007** duly 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, Section 1 (a), (b), (f), (g), (h), (k), (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