



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

**(Support for Programs and Services to Address the Methamphetamine Problem  
Affecting Tribes in 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 manufacture, use, and distribution of methamphetamine (meth) has penetrated tribal communities in Arizona causing adverse affects to the quality of life of American Indians living in Arizona; and
- WHEREAS,** a study conducted by the Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration indicates that American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians have the highest rates of meth abuse as compared to the US general population; and
- WHEREAS,** the explosion of meth use has amplified violent crime, including homicides, sex offenses, aggravated assaults, child abuse/neglect, and domestic violence; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal Leaders in Arizona have identified meth as the number one public safety problem impacting their communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 President's Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) budget request is \$2.2 billion, \$1.0 million below the FY 2007 Continuing Resolution, and \$7.0 million above the FY 2007 President's Budget request; and
- WHEREAS,** the BIA proposes the "Safe Indian Communities Initiative", which provides \$16 million for criminal investigation and services, detention centers, and drug enforcement to combat the meth crisis in Indian Country; and
- WHEREAS,** the overall President's Budget request is a "zero-sum" budget, where the BIA proposes to fund the "Safe Indian Communities Initiative" at the expense of decreasing, flat-lining, and eliminating other critical programs and services within the BIA; and
- WHEREAS,** S. 85, the Indian Tribes Methamphetamine Act of 2007, was introduced by Senator John McCain and co-sponsored by Senators Dorgan, Baucus, Grassley, Reid, Feinstein, and Feingold to allow Tribes to be eligible for funding through the Department of Justice to eradicate the scourge of meth use, sale, and manufacture in tribal communities.

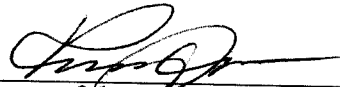
**Resolution No. 05-2007-193**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby supports the BIA Safe Indian Communities Initiative but requests that the initiative come from new monies and not at the expense of decreased, flat-lined, or elimination of other programs and services provided by the BIA.

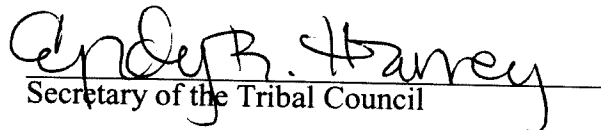
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby supports the passage of S. 85, the Indian Tribes Methamphetamine Act of 2007, and urges Congress to expedite its passage.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that a copy of the resolution be transmitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Secretary of Interior, the Office of Management and Budget, the House Committee on Natural Resources, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, the Senate Judiciary Committee, and other committees as deemed appropriate.

The foregoing resolution was on **MAY 08, 2007** duly adopted by a vote of **EIGHT** 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), (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