



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

(Mandating Use of Seat Belts by all Tribal Employees and Other Occupants in Tribal Vehicles)

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, motor vehicle crashes are one of the top three causes of injury and the leading cause of injury fatalities among members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the percentage of seatbelt use nationally is 81%, in Arizona 94% and 21% on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, "Seatbelts are the most effective safety device in a car"; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Traffic Safety Coalition requests that, in light of the statistics identified herein, all Tribal employees and occupants in Tribal vehicles be required to wear their seatbelts when operating or riding in a Tribal vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Traffic Safety Coalition will meet with various WMAT Division and Department Heads to develop a disciplinary protocol; and

WHEREAS, the WMAT Law and Order Committee has reviewed and approved the proposal on March 13, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concurs with the recommendation herein and finds that seatbelt use in Tribal vehicles should be mandatory.

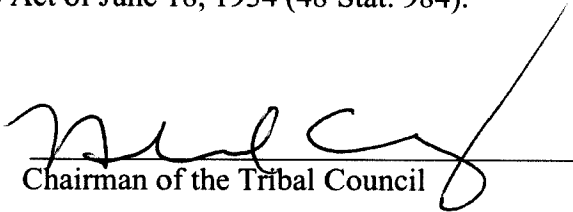
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that all employees of the Tribe are hereby directed to ensure that all employees and occupants of Tribal vehicles wear their seatbelts when operating or riding in a Tribal vehicle.


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 execute any and all document necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on JUNE 6, 2007 duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT for, ZERO against and ONE abstention by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (j), (k), (s), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the

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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