



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

**(Authorizing Kathleen Stemmler to conduct research for her dissertation )**

**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,** Kathleen Stemmler has been approved to conduct research among White Mountain Apache students enrolled in Northern Arizona University's distance learning courses and programs to understand and record their experiences with university distance courses. She is to follow the TPPR Committee's directives to work with Dr. Rea Goklish.; and

**WHEREAS,** the proposal and human subject's form is on file with the White Mountain Apache Tribe's TPPR Committee. The Committee approved the proposal on May 27, 2008 directing Kathleen Stemmler to seek approval from the Tribal Council. The Project number is TPPR No. 05-03-08. The research is for a doctoral dissertation. A copy of the dissertation will be provided to the White Mountain Apache Tribe.; and

**WHEREAS,** the participants' voices will be the center of the research and will assist in directing it. Permission was also given to interview the 'Elderlies' and those members of the Tribal Council who might be interested in participating; and

**WHEREAS,** research will include interviews and be audio-taped and video-taped with permission from the participants. Research will begin in October 2008 and run through April 2009. All names of individuals will be protected with any data being destroyed that could link an individual to this data. The name of the White Mountain Apache Tribe will be utilized in the report but places and locations on the Reservation will be confidential.

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

1. Authorizes Kathleen Stemmler to conduct research on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation for the purposes of her doctoral dissertation, whereby her research will focus on the White Mountain Apache Tribal Member experience with university distance courses and how to promote cultural understanding and incorporate university and Apache culture.
2. Directs Kathleen Stemmler to follow the TPPR Committee directives and to follow the guidance of Dr. Rea Goklish.
3. Authorizes Kathleen Stemmler to interview tribal members and elders, provided this permission is subject to immediate termination.

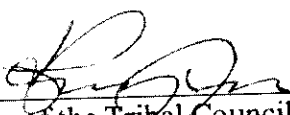
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4. Directs Kathleen Stemmler to keep all tribal member names, interviews and tribal community identities confidential.

5. Asserts that the authorizations contained herein are subject to immediate termination by the Tribal Council and/or Dr. Rea Goklish, and the TPPR Committee, with or without cause.

**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 documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on September 19, 2008 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), (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).

  
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Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
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Secretary of the Tribal Council