

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

- WHEREAS, members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation are a peaceful people with the right and the desire to live on their land on the Fort Apache Reservation in a peaceful manner, without being disturbed, molested or subjected to threats or acts of violence, and
- WHEREAS, during the months of January, February and May of the year 1956, on a number of occasions, Charles Willard Thomas, Calvert Wilson Smith, Lee Edge, Johnny Thomas, Everett Thomas, and Willard O'Donnell, non-members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, did enter onto the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and there did wilfully and maliciously commit many acts of misconduct, did assault and disturb the peace of members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and did commit acts which are a crime under the laws of the state of Arizona, and did commit acts which would be a misdemeanor under the Ordinances of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and
- WHEREAS, the members of the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council have conducted an investigation and have interrogated competent witnesses who have appeared before the Council and testified in detail to the acts of misconduct as above alleged by the foregoing named boys, and
- WHEREAS, the above named boys have been brought before the Tribal Council and informed that they are to be excluded from the Fort Apache Indian Reservation because of their acts of misconduct on the reservation which were explained to them in detail, and
- WHEREAS, the above named boys were given ample opportunity to defend themselves before the Tribal Council but they failed to appear and refute testimony that they committed acts of misconduct as alleged and they also failed to give good reasons why they should not be ejected from the Fort Apache Indian Reservation,
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that Charles Willard Thomas, Calvert Wilson Smith, Lee Edge, Johnny Thomas, Everett Thomas and Willard O'Donnell be excluded from the Fort Apache Reservation, provided that this exclusion order shall become effective 15 days from this date, August 20, 1956.

The foregoing Resolution was on August 7, 1956 duly adopted by a vote of 7 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe pursuant to authority vested in it by Article VI, Section 1 (f) of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe ratified by the Tribe on August 15, 1938 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on August 26, 1938 pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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Secretary of the Tribal Council