

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe desires to establish an official seal representing the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council was presented with a professionally prepared design of such a seal, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council approves the design as presented, except for minor changes as discussed by the Tribal Council, and

WHEREAS, the symbols used in the proposed seal represent such matters as are provided in the attached explanation.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby establishes, "The Great Seal of the White Mountain Apache Tribe", with minor changes to be made by the Tribal Chairman as directed by the Tribal Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Seal, a replica of which is located in the Tribal Chairman's Office, shall be utilized on all official tribal documents, vehicles or other tribal property as appropriate.

The foregoing resolution was on June 07, 1979 duly adopted by a vote of 10 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (i) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 1958 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1958, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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THE GREAT SEAL OF THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

The universe, eternity of darkness, in the beginning, from where the creator of life gave light and breath to the White Mountain Apaches. The universe, the background for colorful creations of life.

They have been guided through time immemorable by these sacred symbols:

The creator of the Apache had blessed them with a beautiful way of life, the life giving water that flows from the melting snows of the White Mountain, a mountain of sacredness, of its ridges deer and elk abounds, as well as many small and large animals to hunt.

The rainbow overthrouds the White Mountains adding a crown to the beauty of the land. The rainbow, a symbol of peace.

The White Mountain Apache country has timber trees growing predominantly, a resource that is providing a livelihood for the Apaches today.

The wicki-up is an ancient habitat and unique, as the Apache tus, a water container, made from native reeds and pitch from pinon trees. Only the Apaches have kept this ancient craft.

The four sacred colors, which has guided the Apaches in their prayer to the great creator has been the black, blue, yellow, and white, from the universe to the creations, from night to daylight.

The mountain spirits had taught the Apaches how to perform the Apache Crown Dance as a means for curing. The crown headdress is be-decked with eagle feathers, a feather that flew the highest in the heavens.

The sign of lightning, a sacred symbol of the Apaches are placed on the bodies of the Apache Crown Dancers, who were instructed by the mysterious mountain spirits to perform for the Apache for healings. The dance is performed to this day.

The White Mountain Apaches had existed throughout the centuries with great strenght and integrity, throughout the beautiful land, through severe winter storms, through turbelent summer rains, through the autumn frost, guided by the great spirit, their creator, who had blessed his creatures that they can enjoy the spring of life, that is the beauty of life.

By Ronnie Love