

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

WHEREAS, tribal member Baxter Quesada has come before the Tribal Council and has alleged that police misconduct occurred in the arrest of his son's on November 27, 1987, by the White Mountain Apache Police Department; and

WHEREAS, this is not the first instance of allegations of police misconduct coming before the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is cognizant of the need to provide adequate and competent police services to the White Mountain Apache people; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is of the opinion that the allegations made by Mr. Quesada are of a serious nature and should be investigated to determine their validity and whether any remedial actions should be taken; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is of the opinion that the two police officers involved in the arrest should be placed on leave pending completion of the investigation; and

WHEREAS, the Acting Superintendent of the B.I.A. has offered to secure an outside impartial party from BIA Law Enforcement to investigate the allegations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that an investigation to determine the validity of the allegations made by Mr. Quesada concerning police misconduct by the White Mountain Apache Police Department shall be immediately initiated and carried out by an impartial party selected by the Fort Apache Agency superintendent of the BIA and that the results of the investigation shall be reported to the Tribal Council at the earliest possible date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of Police of the White Mountain Apache Police Department is hereby directed to place the two officers making the arrest on leave pending completion of the investigations and is further directed to comply with any applicable procedures contained in the Police Department's 638 Contract regarding internal investigation and is ordered to provide the Tribal Council with an explanation and report concerning the allegations made by Mr. Quesada.

The foregoing resolution was on December 7, 1987, duly adopted by a vote of NINE for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (a) of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws 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).


Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council

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