

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

WHEREAS, family members and relatives of tribal member Jimmy Altaha who was tragically murdered last week have come before the Tribal Council with a plea for assistance for what they believe has been a lax and unprofessional investigation of the events surrounding the murder of their family member; and

WHEREAS, the family of Jimmy Altaha are demanding that Law Enforcement take action immediately in respect to whom they regard as a prime suspect in the murder; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is advised that forensic and other laboratory experts have not yet conducted an investigation of the murder scene and that Law Enforcement officials have not been adequately staffed to conduct a professional and thorough sweep and investigation of the area where the murder took place, that an adequate search for the murder weapon and sufficient investigation of suspects and potential witnesses has also not been accomplished; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council shares the concerns of the family members of Jimmy Altaha that evidence important to a conviction will disappear or will remain undiscovered as the case becomes stale; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is concerned about the extreme tension existing between family members of Jimmy Altaha and Jimmy Altaha's widow and other persons and wishes to advise Law Enforcement officials of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Bureau of Indian Affairs that there is a serious potential for additional violence if the case is not commandeered in a professional and expeditious manner and the suspects brought to justice.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby urgently requests that the Federal Bureau of Investigation send necessary forensic and other laboratory experts and additional agents to the Fort Apache Indian Reservation to investigate the Jimmy Altaha murder.