

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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is advised that the Bureau of Indian Affairs has allocated one million dollars to assist tribes in the establishment and improvement of tribal court systems, said funds being referred to as Special Tribal Court Funds; and
- WHEREAS, said funds have been specifically allocated for "needy courts" meaning those tribal court systems that are in need of funding for training and education of judges and court personnel, technical and management assistance, operations and innovative programs; and
- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Tribe with an enrolled membership of over 10,200 tribal members and an estimated 3,000 additional non-enrolled Indians residing on the reservation has been unable to provide adequate financial support for Judicial Services. A critical area of need at the present time is training for tribal judges and court personnel, including a court administration position and automation of the court's case management system; and
- WHEREAS, the foregoing are either entirely lacking in the tribal court system or are severely under funded thereby resulting in a denial to residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation of an adequate judicial system necessary for the proper administration of justice; and
- WHEREAS, the Chief Tribal Judge Kay Lewis, Tribal Attorney, the Whiteriver Police Department, BIA Law Enforcement, the Tribal Prosecutor, the Tribal Law and Order Committee, and Superintendent of the Fort Apache Indian Agency have conferred with respect to identifying needs of the court system and have requested Tribal Council authorization to submit an application for Special Tribal Court Funds which Application must be post marked no later than December 16, 1991; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council concludes that application should be made for said funds due to the presently severely under funded and "needy" judicial system on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby finds that the Tribal Court System of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is in grave need of funding for the establishment of the following programs:

1. Training of Tribal Court Judges and Court Personnel especially in the area of court administration, duties of the clerk, and for establishment of an automated case management system.
2. Court staff training and implementation of a computer based case management system for the court system.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby authorizes Vice Chairman Lafe Altaha to sign any and all applications necessary to apply for this much needed funding.

The foregoing resolution was on DECEMBER 12, 1991 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 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).


Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council

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