

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

WHEREAS, the maintenance of a strong government-to-government relationship between the White Mountain Apache Tribe and the highest levels of the federal government is one of the most important of tribal priorities; and,

WHEREAS, in her capacity as the White House Liaison to Indian tribes, Mrs. Loretta Avent has done more to strengthen the government-to-government relationship, facilitate the recognition of tribal sovereignty and foster mutual respect between Indian tribes, the Executive offices and the U.S. Congress than any federal advocate the Indian tribes have had; and

WHEREAS. Mrs. Avent has personally arranged meetings between Indian tribal leaders and the Vice-President, the White House Budget Director and other key White House staff on issues of vital importance to Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Avent has demonstrated her sensitivity and concern for the problems facing Indian people at a level heretofore unknown to Indian leaders and has established herself as a true friend and kindred spirit to Indian people across the country; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Avent has determined that she has done all she can do in Washington D.C., has fulfilled her commitment Indian people and now wishes to return to her family in Phoenix.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council, on her behalf of the entire White Mountain Apache Tribe, extends its sincere gratitude for her exemplary efforts in elevating the standing of tribal leadership with the Clinton Administration and wholeheartedly welcomes her back to the State of Arizona where we can continue the special relationship she has established with our Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby extends a special thanks for the extra efforts she has taken to make our tribal members feel welcome when visiting the Nation's Capitol including, but not limited to personal tours of the White House that she has arranged for our Miss White Mountain Apache, the Falcon Pride Cyclists, and other tribal leadership and staff.

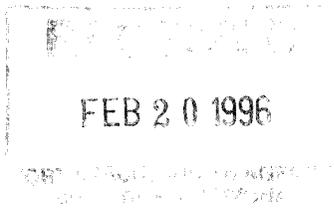
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it respectfully requests that President Clinton publicly acknowledge the outstanding accomplishments of Mrs. Loretta Avent in the performance of her duties as a White House liaison to Indian tribes and strongly urges that President Clinton extend every effort to continue the momentum that she has developed in enhancing tribal sovereignty and elevating the dignity of the government-to-government relationship between the White House and Indian tribes across the country.

The foregoing resolution was on January 23, 1996, duly adopted by a vote of eight for and zero against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (s), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



Chairman of the Tribal Council



Secretary of the Tribal Council