

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

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe has, by federal law, been required to rely on State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for clearance and consultation concerning historic and cultural resources on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

**WHEREAS,** the 1992 amendments to the National Historic Preservation Act permits Indian Tribes to assume some or all of the functions of State Historic Preservation Offices; and

**WHEREAS,** the implementing regulations have just been issued by the National Park Service; and

**WHEREAS,** the National Park Service has announced the availability of grants to assist qualified tribes to establish Tribal Historic Preservation Office; and

**WHEREAS,** reliance on tribal rather than state offices for matters of historic and cultural importance to the White Mountain Apache Tribe enhances the Tribe as a sovereign entity, expands expertise in historic and cultural protection and preservation, and perpetuates Apache traditional cultural values.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it is in the best interest of the Tribe to assume functions now performed by SHPO.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that it hereby notifies Arizona SHPO and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation that the Tribe intends to assume some of the responsibilities for the National Preservation program as the Act applies to the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and to Apache cultural resources beyond the boundaries of the Reservation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that the Planning Department is hereby directed to prepare the necessary grant application to the National Park Services for funding the operation of the Tribal Historic Preservation Office.

**Resolution No. 01-96-015**

The foregoing resolution was on January 23, 1996 duly adopted by a vote of seven 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), (g), (h), (I), (j), (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 19, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

  
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Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
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Secretary of the Tribal Council

