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

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council has met in Executive Session this date to discuss two very serious felony crimes involving sexual assault and homicide and have heard relatives of the victims complaining of the lack of effective investigation by the authorities responsible for the conduct of criminal investigations for major crimes on the Ft. Apache Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council, after considerable discussion with the Whiteriver Chief of Police, and the BIA Supervisor for the Criminal Investigation Department at the Ft. Apache Agency, is very concerned about the lack of expertise and quick response of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to investigate homicides and other serious felony crimes on the Ft. Apache Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, It is the statutory responsibility of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to investigate major crimes on Indian Reservations; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council has brought this matter to the attention of the U.S. Attorney and the Federal Bureau of Investigation on various prior occasions; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council wishes to invite U.S. Attorney Janet Napolitano, Assistant U.S. Attorney Vincent Kirby, and Tribal Liaison Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph Lodge and the FBI agent in charge of the Flagstaff and Phoenix Office to meet with the Tribal Council at the earliest time that mutual scheduling can obtain, for the purpose of discussing the status of certain homicide investigations and prosecutions involving families of the victims who have appeared before the Tribal Council.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs Tribal Chairman Ronnie Lupe to invite and to arrange for a meeting between U.S. Attorney Janet Napolitano, Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph Lodge, Tribal Liaison and Vincent Kirby, Assistant U.S. Attorney, and the agent in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the Phoenix and Flagstaff are

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to meet with the Tribal Council as soon as scheduling permits to discuss the status of ongoing homicide and major crime investigations and prosecutions.

The foregoing resolution was on March 6, 1996, duly adopted by a vote of ten 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),(i), (s) (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



Chairman of the Tribal Council

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Secretary of the Tribal Council