

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

- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe, an Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (25 USC 476) and under its Revised Constitution has full power to act for the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council has the power and responsibility to represent the Tribe and to act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 (a) of the Tribal Constitution; and
- WHEREAS,** the Jicarilla Apache Tribe, the Mescalero Apache Tribe, the San Carlos Apache Tribe, the White Mountain Apache Tribe, the Camp Verde Yavapai Apache Tribe, the Payson Tonto Apache Tribe, the Fort McDowell Mohave Apache Tribe, the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma, and the Fort Sill Apache Tribe are sovereign Apache nations who recognize their inherent right to self-determination and their responsibility as protectors of previous and future Apache generations; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1966, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978, the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, the National Museum of the American Indian Act (NMAIA) of 1989, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) of 1990, amendments thereto, and various other Federal, tribal and state laws promote the preservation of items, places, customs, and beliefs whose significance derives primarily from the culture of American Indian Nations, including the Apache nations; and
- WHEREAS,** these laws, in general, and NAGPRA and NMAIA, in particular, create important and unprecedented opportunities for cooperation among Apache tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the abuse, destruction and misappropriations of Apache culture, history, sacred places and objects, cultural property, religious freedoms and cultural rights continues in spite of constitutional and statutory protections guaranteed by the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe together with eight other Apache tribes named herein have established an Inter-Apache Policy on Repatriation and the Protection of Apache Cultures, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein, for the purpose of fostering unity, cooperation and collaboration among the federally recognized Apache tribes in respect to all aspects of cultural protection and repatriation.

**Resolution No. 10-96-238**


**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby commits to and supports the purposes, definitions, principles and processes that together constitute the attached "Inter-Apache Policy on Repatriation and the Protection of Apache Cultures", and ratifies the agreement on this policy reached on November 4, 1995, and indicated by the signature of Ramon Riley.


The foregoing resolution was on October 03, 1996, duly adopted by a vote of nine for and zero against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by the White Mountain Apache Tribal Constitution, including Article IV, Sections 1 (a), (g), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe on 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).

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Secretary of the Tribal Council