

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

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe is the sole and exclusive owner and manager of all lands and resources within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

**WHEREAS,** Section 101(d) of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) provides that sovereign Indian tribes, such as the White Mountain Apache Tribe, "may assume all or any part of the functions of a state historic preservation officer (SHPO) in accordance with subsections (b) (2) and (b) (3) of the NHPA, with respect to tribal lands;" and

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe has submitted to the Secretary of the Interior and obtained his approval for a Program Plan to assume certain SHPO functions; and

**WHEREAS,** this Program Plan provides for the enhancement of tribal sovereignty and self-determination through the exclusion of non-Apache interests and perspectives in resource management on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and the inclusion of programs for preservation, planning and education in accordance with White Mountain Apache values and interests.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, that it hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman, and in his absence, the Vice Chairman to enter into an agreement with the Secretary of the Interior through the Director of the National Park Service, by which the Tribe will assume certain SHPO functions.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that John R. Welch Ph.D. is hereby appointed as the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), a position to be filled by Dr. Welch until such time as a tribal member obtains the minimum qualifications, for this position or a new THPO is appointed.

**Resolution No. 12-96-299**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Tribal Council that the THPO shall in consultation with Cultural Resource Director Ramon Riley, plan and oversee programs for the protection, preservation and appropriate use of all historic, archaeological, and cultural sites and objects located on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, except those objects included in the collections of the Cultural Education and Museum Facility and those held by individual Tribal members; subject to ultimate supervision by the Tribal Council.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council that the THPO shall, in consultation with Cultural Resource Director Ramon Riley, develop and implement programs and procedures to facilitate the representation of the interests of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in particular, and the Western Apache Nations in general, in respect to the protection and preservation of Apache cultural and historical sites and objects now located beyond the boundaries of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.


The foregoing resolution was, on December 16, 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), (g), (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 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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