

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

- WHEREAS,** the Master Plan for the Fort Apache Historic Park, as adopted by the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council in 1993 (Resolution No. 05-93-117), calls for the development of economically viable and culturally appropriate tourist attractions centered on the Historic Park; and
- WHEREAS,** Master Plan implementation requires consolidation of management control over the Fort Apache Historic District and related facilities and attractions by the Tribe's Heritage Program in consultation with the Office of Tourism; and
- WHEREAS,** the boundaries of the Fort Apache Historic District, as currently listed in the National Register of Historic Places, fail to encompass the architectural and geographical features elements that contribute to the national historical and local cultural significance of the Fort Apache; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Park Service (NPS) has, according to the terms of Resolution No. 09-94-164, and Memorandum of Agreement between NPS and the White Mountain Apache Tribe, provided the Tribe with a Preservation and Visitor Use Plan for Kinishba Ruins National Historic Landmark; and
- WHEREAS,** the Kinishba Plan implementation will be coordinated through the Heritage Program in order to enhance community and economic development; and
- WHEREAS,** the Fort Apache Cemetery, as an everlasting resting place for the remains of historically significant persons abandoned by the Department of Defense, needs and deserves the protection and supervision afforded through inclusion within the Fort Apache Historic Park; and
- WHEREAS,** Geronimo's Cave as an ancestral Pueblo and Apache ceremonial and storage cave, needs and deserves the protection and supervision afforded through inclusion within the Fort Apache Historic Park.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that Kinishba Ruins National Historic Landmark, the Fort Apache Cemetery, and Geronimo's Cave are hereby transferred to the protection, exclusive use, and management of the Tribe's Heritage Program for the benefit of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

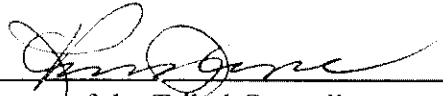
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Heritage Program is hereby authorized to redefine the boundaries of the Fort Apache Historic District through the preparation of a supplemental Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that the boundaries of the land parcels reserved for the exclusive use of the Heritage Program are, as regards Kinishba and the Fort Apache Cemetery, coincident with the existing perimeter fences; and, as regards Geronimo's Cave, defined by the areas within the cave as well as those areas within 100m of the openings to the cave, exclusive of pre-existing land assignments or rights-of-way.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that a copy of this resolution complete with detailed description of the lands that comprise the expanded Fort Apache Historic Park, is to be provided to the Tribal Realty Office and to the Tribal Land Office and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Branch of Realty so that these changes in land status may be duly recorded and incorporated into applicable land status and management systems.

The foregoing resolution was on March 14, 1997, 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), (c), (g), (h), (i), (s), (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).



Chairman of the Tribal Council



Secretary of the Tribal Council