

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

- WHEREAS**, the far-sighted and ambitious *Master Plan for the Fort Apache Historic Park* was unanimously adopted by the Tribal Council in 1993; and
- WHEREAS**, the overarching goal of the *Master Plan* is for the White Mountain Apache to assume control over the place that once exerted harmful control over Apaches and to create, through the restoration of Fort Apache, a place where Apache culture and history are honored, celebrated, and offered to Apaches and non-Apaches from a previously disregarded or misinterpreted point of view that of the Apache themselves; and
- WHEREAS**, the ongoing implementation of this *Plan* is involving intensive collaboration among the Tribe's Cultural Advisory Board, Heritage Program, Legal Department, Planning Department, Office of Tourism, Fort Apache Timber Company, and Department of Public Works in conjunction with the Theodore Roosevelt School, Arizona State Parks, Arizona Office of Tourism, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Navopache Electric Cooperative, numerous Apache and non-Apache craftspersons and contractors, the World Monuments Fund, Architect Stan Schuman, and other partners; and
- WHEREAS**, this collaborative partnership on behalf of the restoration and adaptive reuse of Fort Apache for the purposes of economic and community development has succeeded thus far (1) in creation of a new White Mountain Apache Culture Center, (2) in obtaining funding and launching restoration or rehabilitation projects for seven historic buildings, (3) in completing a three-volume *Fort Apache Survey and Assessment Report* detailing both the overall needs of the Historic District and the preliminary plans for the restoration of five additional buildings, and (4) in establishing innovative and well-attended exhibits and educational programs; and
- WHEREAS**, additional efforts are needed to interpret Fort Apache to and for both Apache people and non-Apaches and to improve community participation in this important education effort; and
- WHEREAS**, the Public Programs Division of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) administers a grants program for *Planning and Scripting* public interpretive programs focused on structures such as those to be opened to visitors and school groups at Fort Apache; and

WHEREAS, an informal team consisting of the Tribe's Cultural Advisory Board, Historic Preservation Officer, and National Park Service Interpretive Specialists, led by Nancy Mahaney, the Tribe's Museum Director, has been assembled to prepare a grant proposal, tentatively entitled *Transitions in the Apache World: The Fort Apache Legacy*, for submission to NEH to assist in the development of the Fort Apache interpretive program.

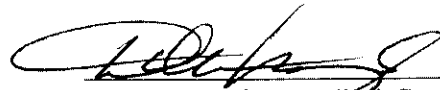
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it authorizes and endorses the Heritage Program initiative to secure NEH *Planning and Scripting* grant support for the interpretation of Fort Apache.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Heritage Program of the White Mountain Apache Tribe is to comply fully with all applicable tribal, federal, and state regulations, policies, guidelines, and requirements relating to the application.

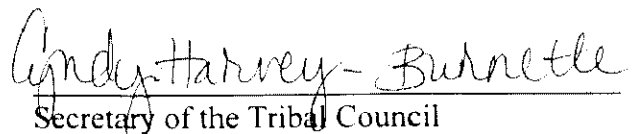
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby delegates authority to the Tribal Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, to execute any documents, including any contracts, needed to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby appoints Nancy Mahaney, the Tribe's Museum Director, as the Tribe's agent to assist the Chairman in conducting all negotiations and in executing and submitting all documents, including application materials, billing statements, progress reports, amendments, etc., as required for the completion of the Fort Apache NEH *Planning and Scripting* for Fort Apache interpretation.

The foregoing resolution was on September 2, 1998 duly adopted by a vote of six 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 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