

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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has, through previous resolutions, offered consistent support and endorsement for the protection and perpetuation of Apache language and culture, and for the conservation of cultural, historical, and archaeological sites and objects in accordance with Apache cultural principles; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe's Master Plan for the Fort Apache Historic Park, adopted by the Tribal Council in 1993, calls for the restoration and adaptive reuse of historic Fort Apache to serve the White Mountain Apache people and non-Apache visitors as a center for cultural revitalization and economic development; and
- WHEREAS, the ongoing implementation of the Master Plan, made necessary by neglect and mismanagement of Fort Apache by the trustee, Bureau of Indian Affairs, is based in part upon partnerships 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 collaboration with the Theodore Roosevelt School, Arizona State Parks, Arizona Office of Tourism, the National Park Service, the B.I.A. Fort Apache Agency, Navopache Electric Cooperative, numerous Apache and non-Apache craftspersons and contractors, the World Monument Fund, Architect Stan Schuman, and others; and
- WHEREAS, these partnerships have succeeded in (1) creating a new White Mountain Apache culture center, (2) restoring seven of the Fort's 27 historic structures, (3) completing the three-phase Fort Apache Survey and Assessment Report detailing the preservation and financial needs of the Historic District, and (4) establishing innovative exhibits and educational programs; and
- WHEREAS, to achieve the Master Plan goals the Tribe must obtain the millions of dollars in funding needed to restore the Fort Apache Historic District and appoint the leaders and advisors needed to make Fort Apache an integral element in the White Mountain Apache and global communities; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe's Historic Preservation Officer, in consultation with the Tribal Attorney, has drafted proposed Articles of Incorporation for the Fort Apache Heritage Foundation, a charitable organization chartered under the laws of the Tribe to gather and administer tax deductible contributions to perpetuate Apache culture and history; and

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WHEREAS, the goals of the Foundation, as indicated in the draft Articles of Incorporation, include the following:

- (1) Facilitate the culture and heritage preservation and perpetuation activities of the White Mountain Apache Tribe;
- (2) Support the restoration and rehabilitation of the Fort Apache Historic District to further White Mountain Apache interests in community and economic development;
- (3) Provide financial and technical assistance to the Tribe's culture center and museum, Historic Preservation Office, and other Tribal offices, programs, and individuals as appropriate;
- (4) Solicit and accept donations and other charitable gifts to support the purposes of the Foundation;
- (5) Promote public interest in White Mountain Apache historic preservation and cultural preservation programs, as well as in the Apache language, arts, dance, music, oral traditions, culture, and ways of life; and
- (6) Develop and provide educational programs and technical training in historic and cultural heritage preservation, maintenance, and revitalization; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation is to be overseen by a Board of Directors selected by the Tribal Council which will work in close cooperation with Tribal officers and program staff concerned with heritage preservation and perpetuation, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors is to be comprised of Tribal members and non-members possessing the knowledge and experience that will contribute to the achievement of the Foundation's goals; and

WHEREAS, seven distinguished individuals have been nominated to serve as initial members of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, two alternate designees have also been nominated to serve on the Board, in the event of a vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors shall include, as *ex officio* non-voting members, the Tribal Chairman, Tribal Cultural Resources Director, and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, and others as may be subsequently appointed by the Tribal Council; and

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WHEREAS, the Foundation Directors shall adopt Bylaws during initial meetings of the Board, subject to final Tribal Council approval.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the Articles of Incorporation for the Fort Apache Heritage Foundation and hereby grants a charter to the Foundation under Tribal law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby appoints the following individuals as members of the Board of Directors of the Fort Apache Heritage Foundation:

1. Rose Mofford, former Governor of the State of Arizona
2. Eddie Basha, businessman
3. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, retired NBA player and author
4. Tribal member Theodore Declay, Sr.
5. Tribal member Marilyn Endfield Lovato
6. Tribal member Paul Ethelbah
7. Tribal member Mary Patterson

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it appoints as *ex officio* non-voting members to the Board of Directors, the Tribal Chairman, Tribal Cultural Resources Director, and Tribal Historic Preservationist Officer.

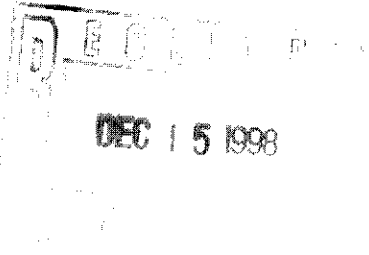
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it appoints Richard Yardley and Milfred Cosen as alternate members of the Board of Directors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it directs and authorizes the Tribal Chairman, Tribal Attorney and Historic Preservation Officer on behalf of the Board of Directors and the Tribe to proceed with Foundation organization, including the preparation of Bylaws and the execution and submission of documents to the Internal Revenue Service for 501(c)(3) certification, or its equivalent, for the purpose of seeking charitable donations.

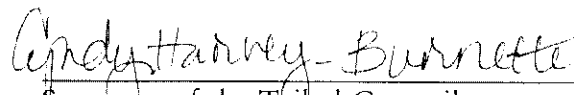
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby delegates authority to the Tribal Chairman, or in his absence the Vice-Chairman, to execute any documents needed to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

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The foregoing resolution was on November 4, 1998 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 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).



  
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Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
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Secretary of the Tribal Council