

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has in executive session on this day discussed a summary of concerns about the effective operation of the Tribal Court; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is committed to maintaining a court system which provides fair and equitable administration of justice for all; and

WHEREAS, within this review there are several reports questioning the conduct of the Chief Judge; and

WHEREAS, the Council intends to have these reports fully investigated to resolve any doubts or concerns about Tribal Court judicial conduct; and

WHEREAS, the Council authorizes that a independent investigation be undertaken to look into these reports; and

WHEREAS, during the period until the investigation is completed and the findings and conclusions reviewed by the Council, it would be in the best interests of all involved that the Chief Judge be placed on administrative leave with pay; and

WHEREAS, by this action the Tribal Council is not seeking to remove the Chief Judge from office, but instead to evaluate the concerns which have been raised and then to follow through to ensure the integrity of the Tribal Court; and

WHEREAS, the use of administrative leave has been implemented and accepted in prior instances when serious questions arise concerning judicial conduct;

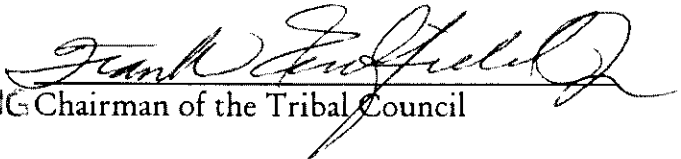
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council intends to see these matters resolved as soon as possible.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that a investigation be carried out to examine and report on instances of conduct by the Chief Judge to determine whether such conduct is in conflict with standards established under the Judicial Code.

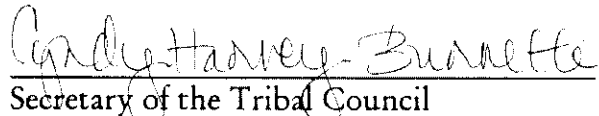
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it directs the Tribal Attorney to arrange for the independent investigation and then to report back to the Council on the report findings and conclusions.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman, or in his absence the Vice Chairman, to notify the Chief Judge that she is to be placed on administrative leave pending the conclusion of the investigation and final review by the Tribal Council.

The foregoing resolution was on May 12, 1999 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), (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).

  
**ACTING** Chairman of the Tribal Council

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SECRETARY

  
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