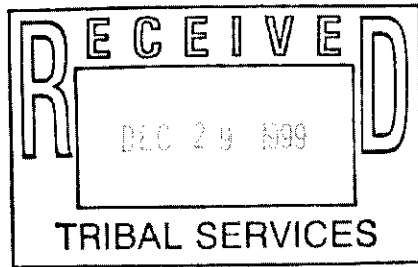


**RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

- WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe recognizes the necessity of providing culturally relevant foster care services to protect, care for, and assist children who can not remain in their own homes; and
- WHEREAS**, the White Mountain Apache Tribal Social Services (WMATSS) department is the government agency responsible for providing foster care services to the White Mountain Apache people and their communities; and
- WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council and the WMATSS recognize that children are the most valuable resource for the continued existence and integrity of the Tribe and that monitoring the quality of care provided foster children and the standards required of foster parents through regulating foster homes will help ensure that Apache children are in the best environments possible for their development and care; and
- WHEREAS**, the WMATSS has presented a Foster Care Program Policy Manual for the Council's review and approval which sets forth licensing standards for foster homes and parents, standards of care for foster children, and internal policies for administration of the program; and
- WHEREAS**, such policy manual shall be provided to all employees of the WMATSS and to all foster parents and homes; and
- WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council has reviewed the Foster Care Program Policy Manual and has found it to be satisfactory to ensure the highest quality of care for foster children and the best standards required of foster parents and regulations and monitoring of foster homes to help ensure that Apache children are in the best environments possible for their development and care.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it approves the Foster Care Program Policy Manual submitted through the WMATSS department and authorizes its implementation and dissemination to all WMATSS employees, foster parent applicants, and all foster parents of White Mountain Apache children.

The foregoing resolution was on December 1, 1999, 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), (g), (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).



Frank J. Emfield
ACTING Chairman of the Tribal Council

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