

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

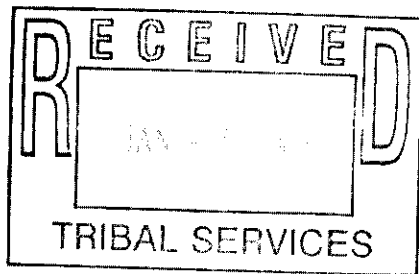
- WHEREAS**, the community of Whiteriver is preparing for the turn of the century and the new millennium this December 31, as the new year of 2000 becomes a reality; and
- WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council realizes many people will wish to celebrate this historic occasion; and
- WHEREAS**, in the past the traditional use of firearms for celebration involved prayer and abundant concern for the welfare of others; however, the conduct of some people indicates they have less respect for the safe practice of this tradition; and
- WHEREAS**, in recent New Year's Eve celebrations there have been outbreaks of random gunfire as some people have recklessly and thoughtlessly discharged weapons into the air; and
- WHEREAS**, in recent weeks the community has suffered several tragic acts of violence, including the loss of Tribal police officer Tenny Gatewood; and
- WHEREAS**, in other communities across the nation there are reports of concerns about possible terrorist acts, which have put a somber note on some New Year's Eve preparations; and
- WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council wishes to ensure that the celebration of New Year's Eve within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation is safe and respectful for the rights of all; and
- WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council fully intends to see that all residents observe Tribal laws and show respect for our law enforcement officers, especially following the loss of our police officer Tenny Gatewood; and
- WHEREAS**, the reckless or unsafe discharge of firearms is prohibited under Tribal law.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby reaffirms Tribal law and reminds the community that the discharge of weapons in any unsafe manner is against Tribal law and is absolutely prohibited.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it directs the Tribal Law Enforcement to use all measures to prevent unsafe and illegal conduct during the New Year's Eve celebrations and to take all measures


Resolution No. 12-99-316

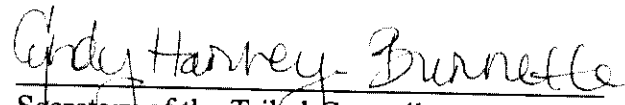
members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby asks all community members to refrain from violence and other unlawful acts, and in light of recent tragic events, the Council asks that all community members mark this historic occasion by showing concern and respect for one another and especially for our law enforcement officers.

The foregoing resolution was on December 29, 1999 duly adopted by a vote of FOUR for and THREE against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a),(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

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WHEREAS, other communities across the reservation are reports of concerns about possible terrorist acts, which have put a strain on some New Year's Eve preparations; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council wishes to ensure the celebration of New Year's Eve within the Fort Apache Indian Reservation is safe and respectful for the rights of all; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that all residents observe Tribal laws and show respect for our law officers, especially following the loss of our police officer Tenny Goff; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that the reckless use of firearms is prohibited under Tribal law.

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby reaffirms to the community that the discharge of weapons in Tribal law and is absolutely prohibited.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that any and all enforcement to use all measures to prevent unsafe and illegal New Year's Eve celebrations and to take all measures

BE IT FURTHER

The following
THREE
vested in the
Tribe September
pursuant to Section