

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council in Resolution 01-2000-17 reaffirmed its directive to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Law Enforcement Division to immediately find qualified replacements to fill two open criminal investigator positions within the Fort Apache Agency; and

WHEREAS, such request was reinforced by a follow-up letter from the Tribal Chairman to Mr. Ted Quasula, Director of BIA Law Enforcement services; and

WHEREAS, the Council has also asked for additional funding for needed training for all law enforcement personnel serving within the reservation, and funding for additional criminal investigator positions, which are needed due to the increase in population and crime; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs reports that they have no applications from qualified Native American law enforcement personnel for the position; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs reports that several non-Indian applicants have been identified with the necessary training and skills to serve in the criminal investigator position; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council recognizes the need for qualified and available personnel for these positions; and

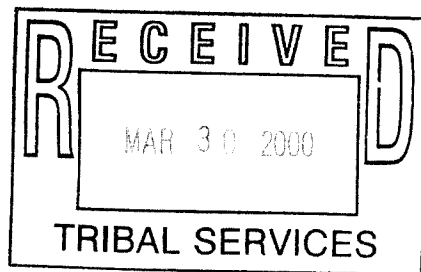
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council routinely affirms and supports Native American preference as a means of enhancement for the members of this Tribe and other Indian tribes, thereby giving Bureau of Indian Affairs qualified personnel having appropriate cultural understanding of the work they perform on behalf of the community; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of such Native American candidates the Tribal Council supports the appointment of non-Indian staff, provided they have the skills and qualifications.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby supports the efforts by the Bureau of Indian Affairs Law Enforcement Division to appoint two replacements to fill the open criminal investigator positions within the Fort Apache Agency, and in the absence of qualified Native American applicants, agrees to the appointment of two qualified non-Indian applicants to such positions.

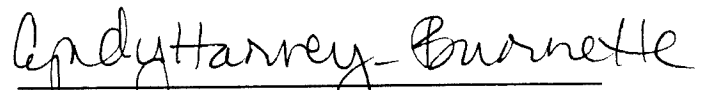
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby reaffirms its earlier request in Resolution 01-2000-17 for additional funding to the Fort Apache Agency for additional criminal investigator positions and funding for necessary training opportunities for all law enforcement personnel in the reservation to bring the current skills and training techniques up to standards expected of any first rate law enforcement organization.

The foregoing resolution was on March 28, 2000 duly adopted by a vote of SIX for and ONE against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (c), (j), (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