

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

- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has, through numerous resolutions, offered consistent support and endorsement for the conservation of cultural, historical, and archaeological sites and objects according to Apache cultural principles of respect, avoidance, and education and through intergenerational programs and activities; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe's 1993 *Master Plan for the Fort Apache Historic Park* and the 1<sup>st</sup> annual *Great Fort Apache Heritage Reunion* have set the agenda and the tone for the restoration and revitalization of Historic Fort Apache to serve the White Mountain Apache people and their partners as a center for cultural revitalization and economic development, thereby fostering pride within Apache communities and offering non-Apaches exposure to previously disregarded or misinterpreted perspectives on Apache culture and history; and
- WHEREAS,** the America's Buffalo Soldiers Re-Enactors Association (ABSRA) participated in planning and implementing the Heritage Reunion as a full partner and has developed programs intended to provide much-needed guidance, sense of self, and pride to youth-at-risk, without regard to gender, race, color, or religious orientation; and
- WHEREAS,** ABSRA seeks to expand and enhance the bonds of partnership and collaboration with the White Mountain Apache Tribe through a 35-day, *Summer Endurance Youth Camp*, based on the principle of *Caring Adults Providing Support And Guidance (CAPSAG)*, and centered on the Fort Apache Historic District, June 26 through July 29; and
- WHEREAS,** the proposed, WMAT-ABSRA *CAPSAG Summer Endurance Youth Camp* will involve up to a maximum of 40 non-Apache and 40 Apache youths, ages 7-17 (total not to exceed 80) and will emphasize Military Discipline, Fitness, Confidence, Respect, Faith, and Community Service, while strengthening bonds of friendship and collaboration between the Apache community and its partners; and
- WHEREAS,** the proposed, ABSRA-WMAT *CAPSAG Summer Endurance Youth Camp* will be staffed by professionals under the command of Col. Charles F. Long, with First Sgt. Curtis Suttle serving as the ranking Tribal Member liaison and drill instructor; and
- WHEREAS,** the proposed, WMAT-ABSRA *CAPSAG Summer Endurance Youth Camp* promises to provide valuable coping skills and a sense of accomplishment for the youth participants, while offering a much-needed source of labor for landscaping and preservation projects at the Fort Apache Historic District and throughout the greater White Mountain Apache Reservation community; and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed summer youth camp has received the endorsement of the trustee for the Fort Apache Historic District, the BIA Agency Superintendent, contingent on the participation of a substantial core of White Mountain Apache youths; and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed, WMAT-ABSRA *CAPSAG Summer Endurance Youth Camp* is envisioned as another crucial step toward the reconciliation and healing made necessary by the events and processes that unfolded at and through Fort Apache and the Theodore Roosevelt Indian Boarding School.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it approves of the joint WMAT-ABSRA summer youth camp, contingent on the full-time and uninterrupted participation of at least ten (10) Tribal Member youth participants, as detailed in the attached proposal;

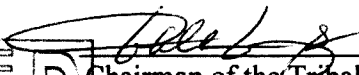
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tribal Council requests and authorizes the assistance of the Whiteriver Unified School District, through First Sgt. Curtis Suttle, the Juvenile Court, the Johnson-O'Malley Program, the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Indian Education Programs, the Theodore Roosevelt School Board and Staff, and ABSRA, through Col. Charles Long, to establish short- and long-range plans for recruiting Tribal Member participants and for fully funding Tribal Member participation in the proposed, WMAT-ABSRA *CAPSAG Summer Endurance Youth Camp*;

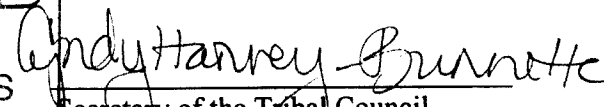
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the proposed, WMAT-ABSRA *CAPSAG Summer Endurance Youth Camp* summer is to comply fully with all applicable Tribal, federal, and state regulations, policies, guidelines, and requirements;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby appoints the Tribe's Historic Preservation Officer and Attorney to serve as the Tribe's agents in assisting the Chairman in monitoring and advising the camp personnel.

The foregoing resolution was, on June 7, 2000, duly adopted by a vote of ten 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 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).

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