

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

WHEREAS, there are approximately 278 Tribal members under the age of 18 who have disabilities and approximately 1,825 total persons with disabilities residing on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the remote location of the Reservation and the long distances between Reservation communities have been factors in why many Reservation residents with disabilities are unaware and/or isolated from community services and activities available to them; and

WHEREAS, through the development of the Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program, the 1999 First Annual Sports Camp for Persons with Disabilities, the Mentor Training which took place in February, 2000 at Hon-Dah and the monthly support groups for persons with disabilities on the Reservation, the awareness of the abilities of persons with disabilities has increased and there are now more employment opportunities and physical, social and educational activities available to person with disabilities than ever before; and

WHEREAS, the involvement of American Indians with disabilities in every aspect of the community will not only increase the knowledge and understanding of the issues affecting American Indians with disabilities, but will also increase the awareness of their abilities as contributors to the community; and

WHEREAS, the 1999 First Annual Sports Camp for Persons with Disabilities, held last October at Chief Alchesay Activity Center, was a success and should be continued as an annual event, so that persons with disabilities, their friends, families and people from around the entire White Mountain Region can participate, become motivated, acquire resources, meet others with disabilities and learn more about the disability community; and

WHEREAS, the WMAT Vocational Rehabilitation Program, the Arizona Spinal Cord Injury Association, PRN Medical, Leeden Wheelchair Lift and Design, Fishing Has No Boundaries, and other businesses around the State have offered their support for the 2nd Annual Sports Camp for Persons with Disabilities to be held on the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation on August 25th and 26th, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the camp will focus on outdoor and indoor sporting events for persons with disabilities with activities such as archery, tennis, track and field and hockey taught

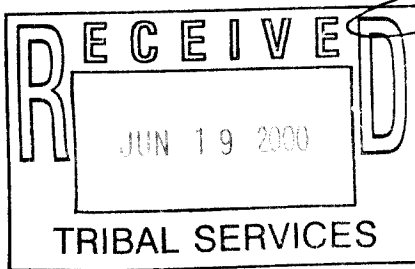
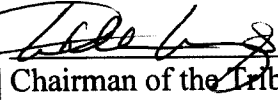
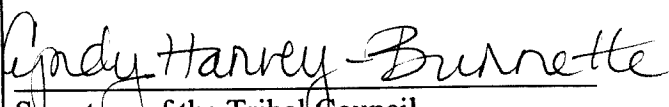
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and demonstrated by other professionals with disabilities and at Horseshoe Lake, on Friday, August 25th, 2000, participants will be able to fish, from the existing wheelchair accessible dock, with fishing equipment donated by "Fishing Has No Boundaries," and on August 26th, 2000, the camp will be held at the Chief Alchesay Activity Center where basketball will be taught and demonstrated by the Phoenix Banner Suns, a professional wheelchair basketball team; and

WHEREAS, the donation of Horseshoe Lake for a day to conduct fishing activities therein is sought from the Wildlife & Outdoor Recreation Division.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the 2nd Annual sports Camp for Persons with Disabilities to be held on the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation on August 25th and 26th, 2000 and approves support form the above-mentioned businesses and organizations and Tribal support in the form of the Vocational Rehabilitation Program Staff time and supports the waiving of fees by Wildlife & Outdoor Recreation Division which are associated with fishing at Horseshoe Lake on August 25th, 2000.

The foregoing resolution was on June 8, 2000 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), (i), (k), (r), (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).

	 Chairman of the Tribal Council
	 Secretary of the Tribal Council

White Mountain Apache Tribe
Tribal Attorney

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