

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

- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council on July 11, 2000 directed the closure of the Year 2000 Summer Endurance Youth Camp operated by the American Buffalo Soldiers Re-enactor's Association; and
- WHEREAS,** the closure was enacted following a confidential briefing by Tribal, Federal and State Investigatory personnel concerning their preliminary findings pertaining to allegations of abuse at the summer camp; and
- WHEREAS,** those investigations are on-going and will continue until completed; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe and the American Buffalo Soldiers Re-enactors Association do share a common goal of bringing reconciliation through work at the First Annual Fort Apache Heritage Reunion held this past May 18, 19 and 20 at Fort Apache;
- WHEREAS,** in the interest of furthering these goals and providing expanded opportunities for youth the Tribe had granted permission to the American Buffalo Soldiers Re-enactors Association to conduct its annual summer youth camp on Tribal lands;
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to its inherent sovereign authority and constitution the Tribe exercises jurisdiction over all persons within the boundaries of its lands, including those persons who have been allowed to enter onto Tribal lands through the sponsorship of a third party organization such as the American Buffalo Soldiers Re-enactors Association, operating wholly apart from and separate from the Tribe;
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has on this date heard from a wide representation of parents presenting contrasting views on the closure of the summer camp; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has heard from some of their view of the vital mission and need for the continued camp operation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has heard the commitment from the parents to volunteer their time to assist with camp operations, as needed; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has heard from staff and investigators on the status of follow-up investigations and discussions with camp representatives; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council concludes that the benefits of the camp program could be preserved through the conditional continuation of the Year 2000 Camp Program for

the remaining two weeks of the camp's scheduled agenda, provided that significant modifications are made to the camp operations for the remaining two weeks to ensure the well-being of program participants; and

WHEREAS, these conditions and modifications would include a signed acknowledgment by camp operators that they will fully cooperate with enhanced oversight from appropriate Tribal, federal and state agency staff to further ensure that these safeguards are in place in response to allegations raised and other issues of concern as investigated and highlighted by the investigation team; and

WHEREAS, the modifications and conditions for continued operation will include:

1. Revised formal reporting and disclosure steps for parents and guardians of camp participants.
2. Full cooperation by camp operators and implementation of directives from appropriate Tribal and federal representatives, including the Tribal CPS program.
3. Removal and replacement of selected staff indicated in the preliminary investigation reports; and

WHEREAS, these actions are taken by the Tribe through its sovereign authority to exercise jurisdiction within its lands and such actions and modifications do not in any manner constitute operational control, partnership, or co-management with the American Buffalo Soldiers Re-enactors Association of the Year 2000 Summer Camp, nor do they constitute any representation on behalf of the camp by the Tribe, nor does the Tribe nor the American Buffalo Soldiers Re-enactors Association have authority to act on behalf of the other in any capacity; and

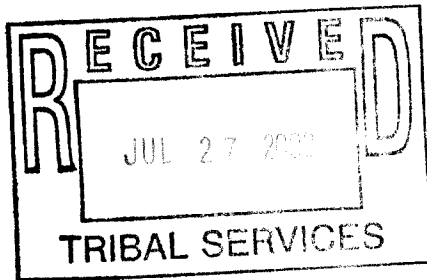
WHEREAS, these conditions and modifications will be on-going during the remainder of the camp operation, so that camp operators will agree to add any additional conditions as may be needed and requested by appropriate regulatory agencies; and

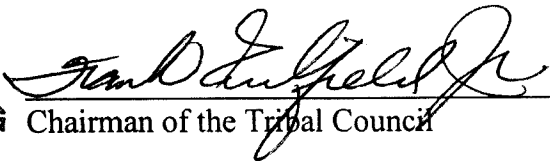
WHEREAS, with the implementation of these conditions the Tribal Council will lift the July 16, closure date with the expectation that the program will continue for the remaining two weeks as scheduled.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby rescinds the July 16, 2000 closure date for the Year 200 Summer Endurance Youth Camp and on that basis allows the camp program to continue as scheduled, provided that all the conditions set forth and referenced above are met by camp operators.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it delegates authority to Tribal staff and programs, including the Tribal CPS Program, Tribal Chairman's Office, Tribal Legal Department, Tribal Behavioral Health Program, to enforce the conditions outlined in this resolution on behalf of the Tribe.

The foregoing resolution was on July 12, 2000 duly adopted by a vote of eight for and two against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (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).




ACTING Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council

White Mountain Apache Tribe
Tribal Attorney

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