

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

WHEREAS, the United States Armed Forces requires those interested in enlisting therein, (hereinafter "candidates") to take the Armed Forces Vocational Battery (ASVAB) test; and

WHEREAS, a candidate's enlistment eligibility depends upon their score on the ASVAB; and

WHEREAS, a candidate who scores in category 4, a low scoring range on the ASVAB, may not be eligible for enlistment; and

WHEREAS, the ASVAB test is solely administered in English and requires those tested to pass an English proficiency section of the test; and

WHEREAS, over 70% of White Mountain Apache children in high school are categorized as limited English proficient; and

WHEREAS, the ASVAB test penalizes those who do not speak English as their primary language; and

WHEREAS, White Mountain Apache Tribal members experience a disadvantage in their ASVAB scores often because of the English proficiency testing section which causes them to score low and prevents them from being eligible for the Arizona National Guard without a special exception; and

WHEREAS, the National Guard Bureau in Washington D.C. has limited the number of Category 4 recruits accepted in each state, with the Arizona National Guard limited to accept only 2% which amounted to only five people accepted in 1999; and

WHEREAS, the National Guard places no restrictions on category 4 recruits in Puerto Rico, Guam and Alaska, all of which have a large populations who speak English as their second language.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it wants Tribal members to be able to choose to serve their communities and nation in organizations like the Army National Guard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it wants its young Tribal members to have the opportunity to take advantage of the

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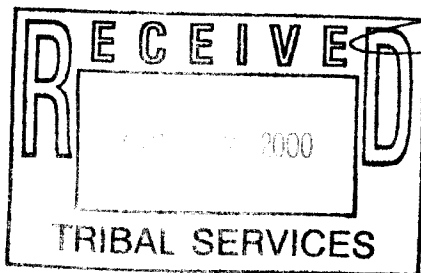
programs and training that the National Guard offers.

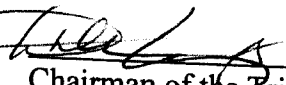
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that White Mountain Apache Tribal members and others in Arizona deserve the same considerations as those recruits in Guam, Puerto Rico and Alaska.

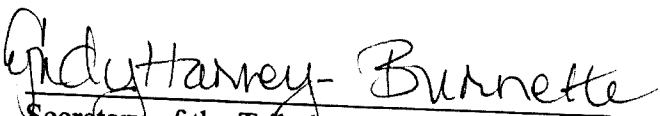
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it believes it morally and ethically unfair to deprive the Native Americans in Arizona, who also have large populations that speak English as a second language, the same considerations that are given to those in Puerto Rico, Guam and Alaska.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it believes there should be no category 4 restrictions for Native Americans in Arizona and that its members should not be penalized from opportunities given to similarly situated individuals in Guam, Puerto Rico and Alaska, simply because White Mountain Apache people want to maintain their traditions and cultures by focusing on and speaking their language.

The foregoing resolution was on September 20, 2000 duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN 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), (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