

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

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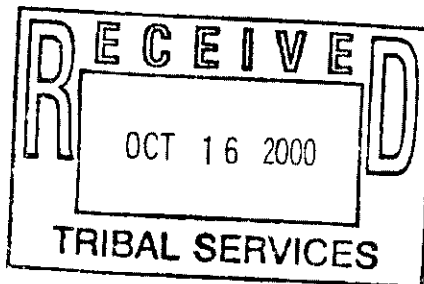
- WHEREAS,** Tribal member Elesta Standing Bear has come before the Tribal Council to advise the Council that her civil case for enforcement of child support has been unduly delayed in the Tribal Court of Appeals; and
- WHEREAS,** further discussion by the Tribal Council has underscored the need for an effective and fully functioning Tribal Court of Appeals to handle cases referred from the Trial Court; and
- WHEREAS,** any reports of delays in the appellate process, and lack of funding for the appellate structure, deserve immediate attention; and
- WHEREAS,** the Council is advised that Tribal staff have developed plans for attending to the current backlog of appellate cases and to ensure ongoing processing in a timely manner.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that the Tribal Court staff together with the Tribal Legal Department to report back to the Tribal Council within 14 days on a plan for alleviating the backlog of appellate cases in the Tribal Judicial System.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the plan identify possible funding sources, including any BIA 638 funding required under the contract with the Tribe to ensure funding for the Tribal Court of Appeals.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it directs the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Apache Agency to make available funding in order to honor the 638 contract commitment to the Tribe to ensure an adequate court system and related services are available to the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

The foregoing resolution was on October 4, 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), (b), (h), (j), (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).



*[Signature]*  
ACTING Chairman of the Tribal Council

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Secretary of the Tribal Council