

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

- WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council, acting as stewards of White Mountain Apache Tribal sovereignty and servants of the Apache people and their communities, has consistently supported initiatives to conserve and perpetuate the Apache language N'dee Biyatí; and
- WHEREAS,** the distinctive and unique identity of the White Mountain Apache people, the long-term sovereignty of the Tribe, and leadership of the community are all predicated on the vitality of the N'dee Biyatí; and
- WHEREAS,** by Resolution 02-98-22 the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council unanimously endorsed and adopted the N'dee Biyatí Hidaahi Committee (living Apache language) as the entity responsible for planning and coordinating efforts to revitalize and maintain the Apache language; and
- WHEREAS,** the Administration for Native Americans has announced the availability of language planning grants of up to \$50,000 to assist tribes in meeting their language conservation goals; and
- WHEREAS,** the N'dee Biyatí Hidaahi Committee has convened numerous times and has reached the consensus opinion that the Tribe, acting through the Heritage Program should apply for an Administration for Native Americans (ANA) grant to develop detailed information on the status of the N'dee Biyatí, the primary threats to the maintenance of the language, and the most efficient and effective steps to be taken to revitalize and sustain the language; and
- WHEREAS,** Ms. Bernadette Adley-Santamaria has come forward as a leader willing to act as the manager for the ANA-sponsored planning project and has distinguished herself as a professional Apache language researcher in the area of language revitalization.
- BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Heritage Program prepare and submit to the Administration for Native Americans a proposal for a planning project that will eventuate in a detailed plan for funding consideration by ANA and other funding agencies.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the planning project be managed by Ms. Adley-Santamaria, with project oversight provided by the N'dee Biyatí Hidaahi Committee in general, and by Ramon Riley and Beverly Malone in particular.

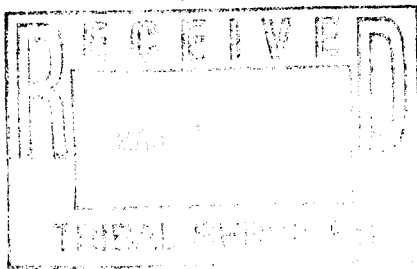
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribe's Historic Preservation Officer, Dr. John R. Welch, shall be responsible for the project's overall administration and financial oversight and shall be authorized to negotiate the grant agreement with ANA for signature by the Tribal Council Chairman.

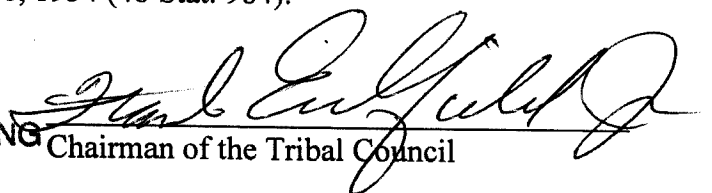
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that all offices and agencies sharing responsibility for the welfare of the White Mountain Apache people and the sovereignty of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, including but not limited to the Health Authority, Education Department, Legal Department, Office of Vital Statistics, and Social Services Department, are directed to cooperate and assist with this project and are to coordinate all related efforts in the area of language conservation and perpetuation through the N'dee Biyatí Committee and Ms. Adley-Santamaria.

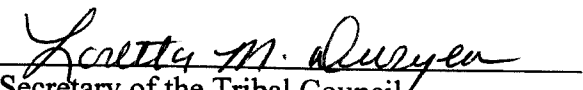
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the University of Arizona, Whiteriver Unified School District, Theodore Roosevelt School, East Fork Lutheran Mission School, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service, and other entities sharing interests and concerns for the education of Apache youth are commended for their efforts to maintain the Apache language and are respectfully asked to assist Ms. Adley Santamaria with this planning project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that all individuals and institutions involved in the protection, revitalization, maintenance, conservation, and education efforts focused on the White Mountain Apache language are advised to approach their work with both the utmost respect and a dedication derived from the knowledge that we will never have a better opportunity to perpetuate N'dee Biyatí than now.

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted on February 20, 2001 by a vote of SIX 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), (g), (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

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Secretary of the Tribal Council